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Masonic. Oriental Lodge, No. 424, A. F. & A. M. Special Communication this (Friday) evening, in Cashman Hall, cor. Madison and Robey-sts. Work on First Degree. Visiting brethren cordially invited. By order W. M. S. G. PITKIN, Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Another Exciting Day and Evening in Congress.

The Resolution to Expel Ames and Brooks Defeated.

The House Decides to Censure the Two Chief Sinners.

Attempt to Have All Implicated Members Treated Likewise.

Report of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee.

The Expulsion of Senator Patterson Recommended.

Interesting Debate in the Senate on the Louisiana Muddle.

An Extra Session of Congress Now Seems Inevitable.

Scenes and Incidents in the Capitol Yesterday.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

AMES AND BROOKS CENSURED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Credit Mobilier proceedings in the House to-day, although of a more important and striking character than those of yesterday, did not seem to have as much interest for the public, yet the galleries were fairly full, and the audience was as well dressed and as intelligent a one. The ladies were not permitted on the floor, and the rules were understood to be very strictly enforced, but they were not, and the order of the House was materially interfered with by the noisy crowd in rear of the members' seats. The preliminaries were soon over, the journal being short, and the Chaplain's prayer unusually brief. He did not, however, neglect to ask the Lord, which was very appropriate, by the way, to remember the infirmities of man.

The resolutions to expel Ames and Brooks came over from last night, and it was arranged that Poland should close the debate in an hour's speech, and that the voting should then begin. Ames was in a front seat, with a large and handsome bouquet on his desk, a compliment from Mrs. Gen. Sherman. This makes two he has received from distinguished ladies since his speech. Brooks was early in his seat, where he remained until his case had been disposed of, when he returned to the cloak-room for a rest. Bird, of New Jersey, was the first speaker, but his effort was an ordinary one. He favored the expulsion of all. Townsend, of New York, who has been here so little since his election to Congress, that he is not known to half the officers of the House, made a feeble speech, also. Fernando Wood misquoted his references, and did not make any strong points. Potter and Speer also spoke, the latter making a creditable argument. Sargent, of California, then presented a substitute for the Poland resolutions, and asked the reading. It is awkwardly drawn, and, in place of expulsion, it absolutely condemns the doings of Ames and Brooks. It was suggested, privately, by some of the members, that this was rather an imprudent action for a man who holds such a close relationship with the Central Pacific Railroad. Poland then took the floor, and demanded the previous question, and, after it was seconded, he began his hour's speech. It was not a success, and was not listened to by members or visitors. The subject was becoming tiresome, and the Chairman's speech fell flat and insipid over all the House. The fact was apparent that the members had decided, each for himself, and did not want any further discussion. In his speech, Poland wasted another half hour, though he had spoken, during the two days, three hours on the subject, but the House refused him,—an unusual course. Such was the disinterest and disregrad as to what he said, that Messrs. Ames and Brooks did not listen A good deal of confusion followed, in which Farnsworth, Stevenson, Eldridge, Holman, Potter, Randall, and Maynard vainly tried to obtain the Speaker's recognition.

Farnsworth, to test the sense of the House, moved to lay the whole subject on the table. The House was extremely still during the taking of this vote. The motion was beaten by more than two to one—yeas 64; nays, 159. Mr. Hooper, of Massachusetts, to the surprise and indignation of the House and galleries, had the effrontery to vote.

The substitute of Sargent was then taken up, and a flood of questions of order, parliamentary inquiries, and appeals to the Chair, poured in. Speer, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, hit the exact situation, when he injected a remark, which was really out of order, to the effect that, if the House had not jurisdiction to expel members for past offenses, it had not the jurisdiction to censure them. Notwithstanding this remark, Speer voted in favor of censure. Beck voted against it for want of jurisdiction. As the yeas and nays were being called on Sargent's substitute the scene became very exciting, as it was known that if that should fail expulsion was inevitable. But it was early seen that the two-thirds necessary for expulsion did not exist. For a long time the vote was a tie, then then the yeas would have it, and then the nays, and when the name of Young was called, the last on the list, it was doubtful whether the substitute was adopted or rejected. The vote was, yeas, 115; nays, 110, and it was carried. The question was then put on the resolution of censure of Mr. Ames. This was passed by the extraordinary vote of 181 to 32. Mr. Brooks voting loudly "No," and Hooper "No." The following Democrats voted against the censure: Adams and Beck, of Kentucky; Brooks, of New York; Comingo, of Missouri; Connor, of Texas; Eldridge, of Wisconsin; Garrett, of Tennessee; McHenry, of Kentucky; Sloss, of Alabama; Voorhees, of Indiana. The vote for the censure of Brooks was nearly the same in character, but smaller—yeas, 174; nays, 32.

An effort was then made to dispose of the whole subject by laying on the table, but it was beaten, as it would have had the effect to take the question from the jurisdiction of the House.

The Democrats, having thus disposed of the case of Brooks, were no longer timid, and they at once began an aggressive warfare. Wood was the first to start it, by the presentation of a resolution censuring Garfield, Kelley, Scofield, Bingham, Dawes, and Hooper. This was not received, for the reason that each member should stand on his own merits. Then followed the resolution of Speer, a colleague of Kelley, censuring the latter. This raised an unlocked-for excitement. Kelley at once rose to his feet, but his friend and colleague objected to his speaking, fearing he would injure his cause. Subsequently, however, he spoke for about five minutes to excellent purpose. He kept his self control, and, except that there was more of the theatrical in his voice than ordinary, he made a very creditable effort. He did not speak too little, nor too much. A wrangle occurred afterwards, and, with an air of impatience, Speer demanded a vote. Fifty members ran to him, imploring him to defer, and he finally withdrew his demand. He then yielded fifteen minutes of his time to Ben Butler. In the speech of the latter, he but carried out the same line of purpose which he began a month ago, which was to clear his client, Ames, even by sacrificing friendships, ambitions, personal obligations, and the reconciling of his enemies. Butler did not like Dawes, whom he thought might stand in the way of his ambition in Massachusetts. He was opposed to Kelley; he did not like Colfax; he had a cold side for Garfield, and Bingham was his ancient enemy; yet, for all that, in the aid of his client, he consented to become the apologist for the crimes of all of them. He demonstrated the truth of his words when he said, to-day, he loathed, abhorred, and hated the doctrine of purgation and purification. After a five-minutes' speech by Mr. McCrary, of Iowa, the House took a recess until 8 o'clock.

The evening session of the House was noisy, and without special interest. Kelley was entitled to the floor on the resolution of Speer for his expulsion. He spoke only a quarter of an hour, and made a high-sounding appeal, with a short biography of his life, in which he referred to his years of penury, his life of toil, his modest manner of living, and the manner in which he should teach his children. Much of his speech was of a pattern with his statement before the Committee, and the sound of his voice was pleasing to the galleries, but it was by no means a strong speech. Dickey, Thad Stevens' successor, of course, approved the resolution, and attacked Speer, but his speech was a failure, and so it was evident his condition was such that his mind was not clear. Other brief speeches were made, but none were noticeable.

Hawley, who is making himself very conspicuous lately, offered a resolution to refer the whole question back to the Poland Committee for additional investigation. This put Dawes on his mettle, and he made one of the brightest, most earnest, and satisfactory speeches of the day. He said he did not want Congress to adjourn with charges hanging over his or any member's head. If there were proofs against him, here is the place for them. His remarks broke the back of the Credit Mobilier inquiries, and, when he closed, the calumniation was at hand, and, on the motion of Maynard, the resolution was laid on the table by 117 yeas to 75 nays, Oakes Ames being the first man to vote yea. After this, Job Stevenson, who is getting to be a little too irrepressible for comfort, offered a resolution to censure Hooper, of Massachusetts, but only 75 voted with him.

The same 75 voted against the resolution next introduced by Sargent, discharging the Committee from the whole subject, thus burying it forever. The vote in favor of the resolution was 114, and thus at 10:20 o'clock the Credit Mobilier robbery was buried, so far as the House of Representatives was concerned.

LOUISIANA.

The Senate to-day elected to order the consideration of the Louisiana question, regardless whether it would be the means of causing an extra session or not. Senator Morton inaugurated this important debate by a short speech, advocating his minority report in favor of continuing the Kellogg Government. The speech which answered him came from Senator Carpenter. It has often been said that Carpenter was a man of infinite possibilities, but that his indolence and general indifference would forever prevent his making his mark as a Senator. To-day, his speech, whether for broad statesmanship, legal acumen, or eloquence and power, has never been equalled this session. At last, disgusting himself of all partisan predilection, the Wisconsin Senator made such a raid on the Louisiana election returns as to carry conviction that there was no salvation in that quarter, except to hold that there should be a new election. His speech lasted two hours, and from the beginning to the end commanded universal attention. Conkling attempted a reply, but it was far below the usual ability of that Senator. At a late hour this evening, while the discussion is still progressing, it is predicted on all sides that Carpenter's proposition ordering a new election in the State will pass.

POMEROY.

The morning papers have announced, with glaring head-lines, that Senator Pomeroy, through his next best friend, Page, of Independence, Kan., had commenced suit against York for the recovery of $7,000, alleged to have been received by the latter on account of his vote, but which Pomeroy claims was simply a subscription to a National Bank, which is to be started in the town aforesaid. Simultaneously with this Declaration came also the statement that Pomeroy was about to swear out a warrant against Simpson and J. C. Horton for conspiracy and using unlawful means to defeat the election of the former to the United States Senate. Inquiry in a responsible quarter to-night shows that these proceedings are not sincere, but that they are only intended to influence the action of the Investigating Committee, which is about making its report.

SENATOR PATTERSON.

The report of the Morrill Credit Mobilier Committee, recommending the expulsion of Senator Patterson, burst upon the Senate, and upon the half-filled galleries, like thunder from a clear sky. The proceedings in the House, though of no more public importance than the Louisiana debate at the other end of the Capitol, were more popular in their character, and the audience in the Senate was composed of the overflowings from the crowded House galleries. Mr. Morton was speaking at about 10:30, when, having been interrupted by Mr. Scheurz with a question, Mr. Morrill, of Maine, whose seat is next to that of Morton, asked him privately to yield to him to make a report. The manuscript was sent to the Clerk's desk, and the order to print was made. Some Senator asked if the report was accompanied by a resolution. Morrill replied that it was. Ferry, of Michigan, who was in the chair, directed the Clerk to read the resolution, which while he was turning over the pages to find it, Conkling and some other Senator asked Morton in a tone loud enough to be heard in the galleries, to go on with his speech, but Morton asked the Clerk to read the resolution, and waited for it in the midst of a dead silence. The Clerk read:

Resolved, That S. W. Patterson be and he is hereby, expelled from his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Morton went on with his speech, but no one longer listened to him. The next instant the Senators, with solemn faces, were gathered in knots of twos, threes, and fours, all over the chamber, evidently discussing this unexpected report. Patterson himself, who, at the time the report was made, occupied Hamlin's seat, between Conkling and Howe, bowed his head, and for five or ten minutes was in conversation with Howe. He looked flushed and excited. Harlan went at once to the Clerk's desk, and, for fifteen or twenty minutes, was carefully reading the report and making notes from it. When he was done with it, Patterson, who had returned to his seat, sent for the report, and read it apparently with great care. These examinations by the interested Senators prevented its examination by the representatives of the press until a late hour.

After the first few minutes, the Senators who desired to talk over the report retired to the cloak-room, the marble room, and the Senators' lobby, so that when, a few minutes before 11 o'clock, far less than a quorum were in their seats listening to the first set speech which Schurz has made this session. This report put an end to all hope of escape from an extra session of Congress. This resolution is a question of the highest privilege, and, as Patterson's term of office expires on Tuesday next, it cannot be postponed. Justice to Patterson demands that he have an opportunity to be heard in his own defense, and he has a right to have a vote on the resolution before the expiration of this Congress makes it impossible for the stigma cast upon him by the report ever to be wiped out.

AN EXTRA SESSION VERY PROBABLE.

During the discussion in the House to-day it was stated by Mr. Sargent, a member of the Appropriation Committee, that an extra session of Congress is inevitable. It is not improbable that an amendment, convening the Forty-third Congress on the 10th of March, will be added to one of the appropriation bills. There is a general belief in the House that it is physically impossible to get through with the business that is actually indispensable in the days left of the present Congress.

UNION PACIFIC AND CREDIT MOBILIER.

The Wilson Committee will call up to-morrow the bill reported by them as the result of their investigation into the Union Pacific Railroad Company. There are already here to work against the passage of the bill: Horace F. Clark, the President of the road; John Duff, the Vice-President; Augustus Schell, and the Attorney of the Company, and others. Mr. Wilson, the Chairman, says he believes he will certainly pass the bill if he can get a vote on it.

[To the Associated Press.]

APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations report amends the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill as follows: To authorize the publication of statistics of the International Congress, an appropriation of $10,000; for a continuation of Maj. Powell's survey of the Colorado River, $10,000; for a road to the Yellowstone National Park; for the completion of the survey of the Isthmus of Tehauntepec; to strike out the provision for a lighthouse at Isle Royale, Lake Superior, and for a lighthouse at Saginaw Bay, Mich.; to reduce the appropriation for the New York Post-office from $1,200,000 to $1,000,000; to increase the appropriation for the Boston Post-office to $750,000 on certain conditions; to appropriate $150,000 for Telegraph Lines on the Texas frontier, and to reduce the appropriation of the Rock Island, (Ill.) Arsenal.

BECOMES A LAW.

The President signed the bill to allow the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to build a bridge across the St. Louis River, between Rice's Point, Minn., and Connor's Point, Wis.

NOTES.

The appropriation bills, it is conceded, are in a fair way to be passed, and can be finished in three days.

The Fisheries bill has passed both Houses, and the Utah bill passed the Senate last night. The House can dispose of it in a day, and then business will be finished by Tuesday.

The most important measure to go over will be the Louisiana matter, and as the President has already notified Congress what action he will take in regard thereto, no effort will be made toward settling the troubles of that State.

BROOKS.

When the vote was declared in the House to-day respecting Brooks, he conspicuously left his seat and went first to Elliott, the colored representative from South Carolina, and in the presence of hundreds in rear of Elliott's seat, thanked him at length and emphatically for the vote which he had given, and he then did the like to Rainey, also from South Carolina, whose seat was in a distant part of the House. This spectacle attracted great attention.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

OGLESBY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. LOGAN presented the credentials of R. J. Oglesby, Senator-elect from Illinois.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Mr. MORRILL (Maine), from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported without amendment the bill to repeal so much of the law relating to the organization of the army as authorizes the enlistment in the privilege of one class of American citizens, viz: colored men.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. MORRILL (Vermont), from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported without amendment the House bill appropriating $300,000 to purchase a site for a new Government building at Pittsburgh.

ST. LOUIS BRIDGE.

Mr. AMES, from the Committee on Commerce, reported without amendment the House bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

The calendar being the regular order, Mr. CARPENTER moved to lay the calendar on the table, for the purpose of taking up the bill, reported from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, providing for a new election in

LOUISIANA.

It was absolutely necessary, he said, that this should be acted upon, in order to avert the bloodshed shown by the morning papers to be imminent in Louisiana.

Messrs. SHERMAN and MORTON also urged immediate action upon the bill, and it was taken up.

Mr. HILL offered a substitute embodying his views in favor of forming a Legislature out of the legally elected members of both bodies now claiming to be the Legislature of Louisiana, and authorizing the new Legislature so formed to count the returns of the last election, and declare who are legally elected State officers.

Mr. CARPENTER addressed the Senate briefly in support of the bill reported by the majority of the Committee. The views of the Committee, he said, were fully set forth in the majority report, and, as this bill had been submitted to persons representing all sides of the controversy, he supposed that, if such a bill were to be passed at all, this one would be satisfactory in its details. He had just been handed by Mr. McMillan, claiming to be Senator-elect from Louisiana, a telegram addressed to himself (McMillan) and Gov. Warmoth, which was read at the desk, as follows:

"NEW ORLEANS, Feb 25, 1873.

Wm. L. McMillan and Gov. H. Warmoth:

It is not true that the country parishes are rapidly acknowledging allegiance to the Kellogg Government. The people in the country, like the people in the city, will never yield allegiance to that Government. It can never collect taxes, and it can only be maintained by force. That force will have to be United States troops stationed in every parish to enforce the authority of his government. His government can only be sustained by the actual conquest of the people, and that by a kind of force which the people would submit to rather than have militia."

This dispatch was signed by a large number of citizens, who, according to Mr. McMillan, are leading men in the country parishes.

Mr. MORTON said it would be a vast national misfortune, and a great misfortune to Louisiana, that this bill should pass. The election in that State, having set up the so-called McEnery government without a shadow of title under law, was now endeavoring to stir up resistance to the actual government—the Kellogg government—resistance which must lead to strife and bloodshed. McEnery, a so-called Governor, without any authority whatever, was now doing all he could to destroy the efficiency of this de facto Government, and doing this, as he (Morton) was advised, at the instigation of persons now in Washington. To make good this charge, Mr. Morton read the several proclamations of McEnery, concluding with the one published this morning; but McEnery and his friends were now getting into rather deep water. Upon attempting to carry out this last proclamation, they would be mere rioters, and on refusing to disperse would be shot down. Telegrams have been received from Gov. Kellogg showing what McEnery was doing, and under what influence he was acting. In one telegram, Kellogg says: "Gov. Warmoth telegraphs urging collision. I don't think the Opposition can get strength enough. They are fast losing the confidence of the community. Their Legislature yesterday had no quorum." In another telegram, dated the 25th, Kellogg says: "Gov. Warmoth has telegraphed McEnery as follows: 'If you are a government, do something to show it now. Action! action! action!'"

Mr. TRUMBULL—I am authorized by Gov. Warmoth to say that both those dispatches stating that such dispatches ever came from him are utterly false.

Mr. MORTON—I have nothing to say upon that question. I have read the dispatches as they have been sent here; but there is one fact that we cannot overlook, that since the reports were made from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, attempts have been made to create a disturbance and resistance to the laws, and to bring on a civil war in Louisiana, and that yesterday this attempt was made not only by the pretended Legislature, but by that pretended Governor. It is now a desperate attempt, on the part of a small faction, to seize upon the State Government of Louisiana.

Mr. THURMAN—May I ask the Senator (Morton) whether I am right in supposing that the election returns that were made show that McEnery had a majority?

Mr. MORTON—The returns have never been canvassed by any officer or any official person. Two persons came before the Committee and said they had gone through them,—persons who had no more right to go through them than two of these pages would have,—and that the returns elected McEnery by some 6,000 votes.

Mr. THURMAN—If that be the fact,—that the returns show a majority for McEnery,—what does the Senator mean by calling his supporters a small faction?

Mr. MORTON—I call his supporters now who are trying to force him into power a small faction. The great body of those who voted for him are not now supporting him, but are standing and looking on. I believe the overwhelming majority of the people in Louisiana are to-day desiring that the Kellogg Government should be sustained, including many who voted for the opposition ticket.

Mr. SCHURZ said that, as Mr. Morton seemed so positive that those who opposed the Kellogg Government were only a small faction, he would ask him to give the Senate some definite information on the subject—to state, for instance, whether the people of Louisiana, or a large majority of them, were now paying taxes to the Kellogg Government.

Mr. MORTON—The evidence is that the large majority of the people generally are acquiescing in the Kellogg Government is in the fact that they are actually submitting; that there is actual peace all over the State, and that up to this time no resistance has been offered to that government in any part of the State.

Mr. SCHURZ—It is not only a passive submission that would be the indication of support, and I think that an active submission would go a great deal further to show that they are really inclined to stand by the Kellogg Government, and in no way could it show itself better than by the payment of taxes. It is for that reason that I put the question whether the people of Louisiana are paying taxes to the Kellogg Government—at the same time reminding him that Packard testified before the Committee that if the people of that State would pay taxes at all, they would rather pay them to the McEnery Government than to the other, and Packard, being United States Marshal, cannot be supposed to be on the McEnery side.

Mr. MORTON—If I had time to read all that Marshal Packard said, the Senator from Missouri (Schurz) would not have occasion to say a word about his testimony in regard to the payment of taxes. This is not the time for the collection of taxes, and it does not take very much authority upon the subject of authority to collect taxes, or very much encouragement to induce the people not to pay their taxes. This McEnery has issued a proclamation calling upon his friends in Louisiana to pay no taxes. I believe that this is not the exact season for collecting taxes there, but if we refuse to set aside the Kellogg Government, and give it our support, that government will go on and collect the taxes without any trouble.

Mr. CARPENTER made an elaborate argument sustaining the majority report. Nobody could exaggerate the importance of this Louisiana question. Congress was called upon to exercise its high power, guaranteeing to the State a republican form of government, and to refuse to act, when the case demanded, would be just as great a dereliction of duty as it would be to interfere unwarrantably with the State Government. He then reviewed in great detail the history of both the so-called governments of Louisiana, and came to the conclusions presented in the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections: that the McEnery Government rests on fraud, and the Kellogg on usurpation; and that it is the duty of Congress to set both aside and provide for a fair and free election, thus giving the State a real republican government resting on the will of the people. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Carpenter drew the following picture of Gov. Warmoth, of Louisiana, who occupied a seat in the Senate near Carpenter, while he spoke:

"There is in the State of Louisiana, and for several years has been, a most remarkable young man—a man of elegant presence and fascinating manners, a man of very great acuteness and intellect, and a man of whom in general it may be said that his intellectual capacity seems to have been developed far above his moral ideas; just such a man as would have risen to the surface in the turbulent hours of the French revolution; just such a man as was made for revolutions; and, although coming upon the State of Louisiana in the condition of comparative peace, yet his genius for revolution has been so great that he has completely transformed the face of that State. He has mingled and commingled the powers of the Government, until no man can tell head or tail to any of them. He has appointed Judges and removed them at pleasure. He has packed the courts: approved the laws; repealed the laws; has been Legislature, Judges, Governor, and Board of Louisiana, and in every respect his will, and his will alone, has been the *de facto* governing power of Louisiana. He wished to perpetuate that interesting condition of things; and when his term should expire, by laws that the returns would be made, under the Constitution, to the Legislature, to be counted by the Legislature. To make it tolerably sure thing of re-election, a contingency that has troubled many a man beside Gov. Warmoth, and many an officer beside the Governor of a State, he gets his Legislature, which the testimony here shows he moved like as many men on a chessboard, at his will and pleasure, to pass this law.

Mr. Carpenter having described both the Louisiana governments as fraudulent, Mr. MORTON remarked that the Senator from Wisconsin (Carpenter) seemed to prefer the Kellogg fraud to the Kellogg fraud.

Mr. CARPENTER—I do, because it is a smaller one. In some things I like greatness, but when it comes to choosing between two evils or frauds, I prefer the smaller. In that I know my honorable friend does not agree with me. [Laughter.] My friend is an original and astute politician, but let me tell him that we Republicans have reached a point where we must be honest, whether we are inclined to be so or not. Our interests compel us to be honest. It is of no importance to us whether Louisiana is Republican or Democratic, but it is of the utmost importance that it shall be either the one or the other in accordance with law. I would like to see anybody stump through Wisconsin in the next canvass, if we stand by this Kellogg Government. If this is to be done by the Republican party in the Senate this year, I want to let the job of stumping Wisconsin next fall to the honorable Senator from Indiana, [Laughter.] I do not want to face the honest people of Wisconsin with such a record. I do not want to go before the people with the testimony of these Louisiana Republicans themselves admitting their frauds in setting up this Kellogg Government, and with our votes here sustaining this acknowledged fraud and usurpation.—an usurpation finally executed and accomplished by the military force of the Government of the United States. I cannot answer for the people of Indiana under these circumstances. I will leave them to be managed by the honorable Senator from Indiana, and if he succeeds well with them, I feel sure he will come over and help us in Wisconsin. We shall need his powerful aid to satisfy our unsophisticated people that such a thing is honest. [Laughter.] Mr. Carpenter, in conclusion, argued that Congress could not order a new election, it was bound to recognize the McEnery Government as the less fraudulent of the two.

Mr. THURMAN argued that there was nothing in the case to justify Congress in ordering a new election, even if it had the power, and that the proper thing to do was to recognize the McEnery Government, which Congress, of course, had the right to do, notwithstanding the contrary action of the President.

Mr. WEST said he thought Mr. Hill's substitute might be so amended as to meet the views of the contending parties in Louisiana, and he moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until the evening session. The motion was lost, and Mr. HILL advocated his substitute until the recess was taken.

EVENING SESSION.

[Mr. PRATT called up the House bill authorizing a certain award to the Vincennes University, which passed.]

The Senate resumed consideration of the Louisiana bill, and Mr. WEST addressed the Senate. The result of adopting Mr. Hill's proposition, he said, would be to set up a Democratic Legislature in Louisiana, and consequently a Democratic Governor. The Legislature would be Democratic, not because the Democratic majority had been fairly elected, but because the Republican returning Boards had fraudulently excluded Republican candidates, while, on the other hand, the Lynch Board had acted fairly.

Mr. CONKLING said that Hill's substitute proposed the most muddy solution of the difficulty ever offered. On the other hand, the measure reported by the majority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections could be justified only by such necessity, as had not been shown to exist in Louisiana.

[Mr. MORRILL (Me.) submitted the report of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee, accompanied by the following resolution.

Resolved, That James W. Patterson be, and he is hereby, expelled from his seat as a member of the Senate.]

The debate on the Louisiana bill was resumed.

Mr. MORTON replied at length to Mr. Carpenter's arguments, particularly against the proposition that the McEnery Government must be recognized, unless Congress should order a new election. The McEnery Government was utterly and monstrously fraudulent, as the Senator from Wisconsin (Carpenter) had admitted, and to recognize it would be to aid in usurpation. The proper and only safe thing for Congress to do was to recognize the Kellogg Government, or to adopt the policy of masterly inactivity. The threats of the McEnery people were made for the purpose of affecting the action of Congress, and, if McEnery should attempt to give them effect, Kellogg alone, or, if necessary, with the aid of the President, would take care of him.

Mr. SCHURZ said there had been rumors of late that the Senator from Indiana (Morton) had turned over a new leaf, and would henceforth be more liberal in his treatment of the South, but to-night he had shown that there was no change in his spirit, or in his manner of supporting his views. There was really something inspiring in the audacity of his statements, as, for instance, in his statement that the McEnery Government was supported only by a small faction in Louisiana, a statement for which he was unable to offer a particle of proof, and which was contradicted by all the facts in the case. The Senator from Indiana was shocked at the idea of putting Gov. Warmoth again in power in Louisiana; but, it would be remembered, that a few years ago the same Senator had argued again and again, in favor of extending the term of Judge Bullock and his Legislature in Georgia for two years, upon the ground that if that were not done, society would be disturbed. It would not do for a great friend of the villain Bullock to be so nice and over so scrupulous about reinstating Warmoth in the Governorship of Louisiana. Mr. Schurz then argued at length that the Kellogg Government was utterly unrepublican and fraudulent. The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections state that in Louisiana there were two so-called governments—one a mere *de facto* government, and the other in a greater degree the *dejure* government. That was not true. The *de facto* government, having been set up solely by Federal usurpation, the duty of Congress was plainly to undo that usurpation, and make the *dejure* government the *defacto* government also. The President's last term of office showed that he had discovered his mistake, and wished Congress to help him out of the difficulty, and it was the duty of Congress to make it easy for the President to retrace his false steps in the matter. If our free government was to be maintained, these usurpations must be stopped. If the people South were expected to obey the laws, we must ourselves respect the laws.

Mr. COLE moved to lay the bill on the table for the purpose of taking up the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. Lost,—yeas, 15; nays, 34.

Mr. SHERMAN offered an amendment providing that until a new election can be held under the Kellogg Government shall be recognized instead of the Government of Warmoth, which was legally in power before the last election.

Mr. MORTON opposed the plan of ordering a new election, even with this amendment. He would not, under any circumstances, assent to the principle of the bill reported by the majority of the Committee.

Mr. EDMUNDS said that the people of Louisiana, having had an election in form according to the laws of the State, must have, prima facie, elected somebody. The question then was, who was elected, and it appeared from the report of the Committee that, on the face of the returns, McEnery was *prima facie* elected. Therefore, Congress, if it had been appealed to at first, would have been obliged to recognize that government as, *prima facie*, the government de facto of the State, and it was the duty, clearly still, its right and duty in the matter being in no way affected by the action of the President. The President's action was necessary and right under the circumstances, but the duty of Congress finally rested not with the President, but with Congress, and the duty of Congress was to make haste to undo the usurpation committed by the United States Judge, and take the necessary steps to have regulated their government under the laws of Louisiana.

Mr. SHERMAN did not care much whether Congress should recognize McEnery or Kellogg until the new election, but preferred Kellogg, because the President had recognized him. The Warmoth Government he regarded as out of question.

At 2:10 a. m. Mr. SHERMAN proposed that after the morning hour to-morrow, the vote should be taken on the bill and all amendments; pending the debate on each amendment, five minutes on both sides being allowed.

Mr. MORTON objected.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Sherman, that the Kellogg government should continue to be recognized as the government until the new election. Lost—yeas, 19; nays, 28.

Mr. CHANDLER moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost—yeas, 20; nays, 27.

HOUSE.

AMES AND BROOKS.

The House reassembled at 10 o'clock, the hour previous to the regular time of meeting being considered as part of the legislative day of yesterday, to be closed among members wanting to speak on the expulsion resolution.

Mr. BIRD favored the power of expulsion.

Mr. HOLMAN took similar ground. He regarded this as the first great contest between the representative government and a great many corporations.

Mr. TOWNSEND (New York) declared himself against the right of expulsion. The remedy for the decay of moral virtue was not to be found by

THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Convention of Farmers at Centralia, Ill.

Addresses by Mr. W. C. Flagg and Others.

The Resolutions.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 26, 1873.

SIR: The Convention of the farmers of this district assembled here to-day in large numbers. Though the day was inauspicious, and a driving storm of rain occurred in the morning, yet the spacious hall was crowded by the citizens of this and the surrounding counties, who manifested in various ways that their gathering meant business, and they assembled and went at it in a business-like way.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour, and D. D. M. Horton was made Temporary Chairman, and, on taking the Chair, briefly stated the objects of the Convention, and the spirit that animated the farming class in favor of a more just and equal system of laws and purer legislation. He suggested that the morning hour be devoted to the appointment of committees for the proper organization of the Convention.

The suggestion was adopted, and the following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEES.

Permanent Organization—Marion County, L. G. Orr; Clinton, J. A. Wakelam; Washington, H. Whittenberg; Fayette, G. W. Hudley.

On Resolutions—Clinton County, Judge Robert Bowman; Marion, Judge J. W. Primmer; Bond, G. M. Tatham; Washington, H. D. W. Whittenberg; Fayette, L. D. Morey; and, on motion, Dr. Horton was added to the Committee.

Permanent Organization of the District—Clinton County, R. S. Powers; Washington, Matthew Pyle; Marion, George Rough; Bond, S. Dusser; Fayette, L. D. Morey.

Finance—Marion County, James Wilson; Clinton, Daniel Porter; Fayette, Jacob Breeze.

PERMANENT OFFICERS.

The Committee on Organization then reported the officers of the Convention, as follows:

President—James Wilson, of Sandoval.

Vice Presidents—N. R. Way, of Washington County; Daniel Prather, of Clinton; H. W. Haley, of Fayette; G. W. Tatham, of Bond.

Secretary—S. P. Tuffts, of Marion.

The report was adopted, after adding the name of Mr. Dedrick to the list of Vice-Presidents.

After brief, desultory discussion upon several minor subjects, the late decision of the Supreme Court was read, and the Convention adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the assembling of the meeting, the hall was perfectly jammed, and great interest was manifested. The programme of the meeting indicated a speech from W. C. Flagg, of Moro; but, that gentleman not being present, the report of the Finance Committee was heard, and a collection was taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS.

Judge Bowman, from the Committee on Resolutions, then reported the following, which was heartily adopted, the Judge being frequently interrupted with applause during the reading:

Resolved, 1. That the railways of the State, being quasi-public corporations, chartered and endowed with the right of eminent domain because they were intended to be of public use, must therefore be run in the smallest possible cost to the shippers and passengers thereon; and that no railway has the right to demand more than a fair profit on the money invested in it by its stockholders.

2. That the railway companies of Illinois and other States have persistently, in defiance of law, contrary to public policy, and opposed to an enlightened self-interest, charged rates of fare and freight that past experience has demonstrated to be unnecessary to the corporations, burdensome to the public, and destructive of production in agricultural, mechanical, and manufacturing interests.

3. That this great wrong, amounting to the annual extortion of millions of dollars annually from the producers and consumers of the State, *must and shall be abated*; and that we pledge our individual and united exertions to that end, from this time until the end of the contest.

4. That we request our legislators to pass the Vaughn and Hildreth bills, or some laws equivalent thereto, together with such others as may be indicated by the late decision of the Supreme Court.

5. That we can have but little hope of legislators or courts whose pockets are filled with railroad passes; that the free railroad pass to any public officer is bribery in its most vicious and insidious form; and that the acceptance of such a pass shall be made a crime against the laws of the country, and punished accordingly.

6. That hereafter no one shall receive our votes for any office of trust or profit, who is not known to be fully identified with, and upholding, which interest we claim to be in consonance with the public good.

SPEECH OF MR. W. C. FLAGG.

After the reception and indorsement of the resolutions, which was done heartily, Mr. W. C. Flagg, an intelligent farmer of Madison County, addressed the Convention as follows on railroad monopolies:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I have been requested to say a few words to-day upon the causes that have brought about the present conflict with the railroads, monopolies that are now assuming and collecting arbitrary amounts from the people of their being practically masters of the position.

A monopoly in this sense is a company or corporation that has obtained such control of any article or privilege as to enable it, at any or all times, to exact such price as it may choose to ask; and it is the peculiar and special device of the modern speculator, from the grain-dealer in Chicago who tries to make a "corner" on oats, to the European monopolist who tries to get all the gold there is in existence, and has been purchasing it for years, and all the quicksilver mines in the world.

These monopolies have their origin either in the nature of the case, or in the special and exclusive power of governments to hold or grant them. Thus the United States Government has a monopoly of carrying the mails, coining money, and the like. The State of Illinois has a monopoly in the Illinois & Michigan Canal. In both these cases, there being no object in profit, the object has been to furnish the public with a given convenience at the lowest price possible, and there is no doubt that the public interest has been greatly promoted thereby.

Other enterprises are practically monopolies without there being any law to that effect, by the combination such as water-works, gas-works, ferries, horse-railways, express companies, freight companies, and railway corporations. Of the three latter named being practically monopolies by reason of the nature of enterprises, having once got a foothold, can hardly be rivalled, are to some extent obsolete; but the principal reason is, that it is hazardous to put capital in a speculation of this character, for the reason that the men with them, and capitalists are timid. But the fact is generally admitted; all these, and especially railways, are monopolies.

These, says John Stuart Mill, "are always in a great degree practical monopolies; and a government which concedes such monopoly thereby gives to a private company more or less of the same thing it gives to a landholder, or an association to levy any tax they choose for their own benefit, on all the malt produced in the country, or on all the cotton imported into it. To make the concession for a time limited is generally justifiable, on the principle which justifies patents for inventions; but the State should either reserve to itself a reversionary property in such public works, or should limit and from time to time revise the right of taking a maximum of fares and charges, and from time to time varying the maximum. It is perhaps necessary to remark that the State may be the proprietor of canals or railways without itself working them. In most cases it is almost always far better worked by means of a company renting the railway or canal for a limited period from the State."

To add in corroboration of this opinion, the argument drawn from the facts by H. C. Carey in his "Social Science" is: "Throughout Continental Europe generally, the several communities have therefore found it necessary to assume the ownership of, or to interpose to the roads one single to construct, while retaining a controlling power in regard to the terms upon which they should be required to do their work. Such is the system of France, and such is the system that, while their charges are insolently high, they, with few exceptions, pass profitably to all," giving fair dividends to their owners, while facilitating intercourse, and thereby promoting the happiness of the people. In Great Britain, on the contrary, it has been held that the interests of the community were to be promoted by the largest competition for the construction of roads, the result of which has been to introduce competition for business at one moment, and high charges at another; in the general ruin of those who have made the roads; in spoliation of the property of the public, and in the total failure to remedy, for them, evils under which they suffer, the railroad companies are now engaged in the creation of a sort of congress, an experiment in sequence—that will probably, as it is almost sure, control the legislation of Parliament.

So it is ever now in the United States—railroad companies already controlling the legislation of many of the States, and in process of time will control it, if not arrested by public opinion. When it shall arrive, it will furnish one proof of the fact, that of all governments the most expensive and oppressive is that of the irresponsible few.

I call your attention to these last words: "that, of all governments, the most expensive and oppressive is that of the irresponsible few." The "few" are all to become "many" in the near future, as will hereafter become apparent.

The railway companies, being, then, in their nature, monopolies, should not have been expected to have the encouragement they have had, but should have been limited to arithmetic ratio of their own gains for freight and passengers, as they have been in Europe. But the railroad charters have been granted without any restriction whatever, and without thought. Only a few States seem to have had the idea of sufficient foresight in their legislation to insist upon reserving to the power of the State in express words, the power of future legislation and regulation. Unlike ferry, bridge, and canal franchises, railway companies were left, in many cases, restricted only by the caprice of evil or common carriers.

It is evident that, if railways and railway corporations, whatever both, had anything with something worthy the appreciation, understand, and whose immense influence on modern civilization was not comprehended by American legislators. But the American predilection for individual liberty extended so far as to be inclined to concede to men much even to corporations, and we have given railway corporations nearly all they have asked.

Railway corporations, on the other hand, have shown an unaccountable facility for falling into unscrupulous hands. In no other business where money is massed in large amounts, whether manufacturing, commerce, insurance, or banking, has there been so much unaffected and unabashed rascality as in the management of railway corporations. Whether on account of the large amounts involved, or the lack of proper checks and balances in the rendering of accounts, and the consequent looseness of management, that makes them excellent means for peculation and the forwarding of personal ends, for some reason they are made the peculiar and profitable prey of men of the stamp of Vanderbilt, Drew, Fisk, and Gould.

Here, then, we have the conditions of unmitigated extortion; unlimited power to charge, in the hands of rapacious and unscrupulous men. That this power has not been abused more than it has, is due to the fact that all railway men are not unscrupulous, and that those who are did not recognize their advantage and avail themselves of it earlier, simply because the road is long, they were short-sighted. We have escaped, to a certain extent, also because there has been at times competition; and consolidation is comparatively a late fact. But that we are the victims of extortionate charges, based not so much on cost of transportation as upon the calculation of the endurance of those who are plundered, is now certain. Heretofore, the fact of extortionate charges has been a fact of last cost of sight. When we found we could send a bushel of wheat at $1.25 per bushel 4,000 miles by rail, instead of 125 by wagon, before it would be consumed by expenses, we were too much gratified at the fact to scan charges closely. While prices were high, the percentage of cost of transportation was lower and less regarded. But when, as now, with low prices, we have also extortionate charges for bulky products, the fact that railway companies are charging far in advance of the necessary, and even the real, cost of transportation, becomes prominent and obnoxious.

This fact cannot be gainsaid or denied, let the advocates of the present extortionate system say what they will. It may be to a certain extent excused and palliated, as is attempted by an editorial in the *Railroad Gazette* of Feb. 1, upon "The Tendency of Freight-Rates," of which I have been favored with a copy, but certainly not justified or defended. You cannot defend a railway system that, as in Illinois, charged 3 2-7 cents per mile for passengers in 1865, at a period of great inflation, and rose to 4 1-5 cents in 1871, in the face of greatly-increased facilities, greater travel, and diminished inflation. You cannot defend the fact, which the writer in the *Railroad Gazette*, it seems a fair man, admits, that the producer, shipper, and consumer must, one or more of them, pay, during the last five years, nearly 33 cents freight on every hundred of 56 pounds of grain sent to New York.

Charges like these, as I have already and elsewhere shown, are extortionate, because largely in advance of the necessary and actual cost of transportation. Moreover, they are bad policy for the railroad companies. They decrease and dry up the stream of production. They kill the goose that lays the golden egg. The wiser railway men partially see this; but the great concern of a superintending railway official is to make a good financial exhibit to the stockholders for his year. He lacks the nerve and the pluck to run on low rates, though it is fiscally certain that it would ultimately pay the best. I know a bit of road only 36 miles long, just finished, between Arcola and Paris, whose Constructing Engineer and Acting Superintendent, when that road was completed, had the nerve and the will (he is the son of one of our leading Champaign County farmers) to put passenger rates at 3 cents a mile, and freights in proportion. The result is a full train of passengers and full trains of freight; while the Illinois Central passenger cars run habitually half empty through the same region, at rates ranging between 4 and 5 cents a mile. More than this, the opening of a freight, even over that thirty-six miles of railroad, has advanced the price of corn 4 or 5 cents per bushel at its western terminus. That shows what might be done by an enlightened self-interest, if the bad men who have heads only for fares and hearts as right, in charge of the great railway routes Eastward.

Another and great cause of complaint against railway corporations is their discriminations. Practically, they drive manufactures, and others who ship largely from their way-stations, to the terminal and junction stations. They depress business, real estate, agriculture, and enterprise, at one point, and force them unnaturally at another, according to the caprice or supposed interest of the railway corporation. The only excuse for this is competition at the terminal or junction points; and that now has ceased to have any considerable weight. They discriminate against Illinois manufactures. It cost as much, in 1871, to send condensed milk from the factory at Elgin to Chicago, as it did from New York factory at Elgin to Chicago, as it did from New York factory to Chicago, and thus the Northwestern Road, on an Illinois branch, used its power to break down our home-manufacturing product, and permit that of other States to have an undue advantage.

Legally speaking, discrimination in charges works a great mischief. The shipper, whether the farmer, the grain-buyer, or the manufacturer, can make no certain calculation of the cost of transportation. He must proportionally lose his profits, buy at low rates, or run the risk of failure. Railway corporations seem entirely indifferent to this, and change their rates without reference to the bad effect it may have on their patrons.

Our railway corporations are habitually violators of our State laws. We have laws forbidding discrimination in freights, and fixing maximum passenger rates. Both laws have been continuously violated, over since their enactment by leading railroad corporations. True, they claim these laws to be unconstitutional; but that does not authorize a conscious violation of them during the time that is needed to test their constitutionality. We, as individuals, have been taught to obey a law until it was proved to be unconstitutional. Even our railway corporations are only to be persuaded to do so by superior numbers.

These, then, are the grievances to be redressed. These, then, are the charges of the people against the railways. They charge exorbitant rates; they discriminate unjustly; they are capricious and unreasonable in their changing charges; they are violators of the law; and, for these wrongs, we demand redress.

We demand that the railway corporations of our State shall be submitted to State law and supervision. We will tolerate no power superior to the State within the State, save that of the General Government alone. I express the almost unanimous sentiment of the people of Illinois when I say that whatever legislation, appropriation, or condemnation is needed to submit the railway corporations to such supervision and control, as reasonable natives should provide and our executive officers should enforce.

We want upon our statute-books laws that shall hold railway corporations under a continuous and inflexible rule of responsibility, as public or quasi-public corporations, controlling the public highways of the State. We demand laws declaring railroads public highways, upon which, upon payment of reasonable tolls, as fixed by law, any and all companies shall have the right to run. We demand that all railway corporations shall be compelled to furnish adequate tracks and rolling-stock to each and every, by furnishing a sufficient number of engines, compel reasonable rates for the small part of the freight properly forwarded. We demand laws fixing reasonable maximum rates for freight, and punishing unlawful extortion promptly.

We want legislation not only in our own State, but in States along the leading railroads throughout the country, all to the same end of lessening the great transportation tax. We may need National legislation, and the condemnation, State and National, of franchises so abused by the corporations that possess them.

But a remedy we must and will have. Times of high prices may come, when this grinding transportation tax will be less felt; but the continuous unnecessary drain upon the wealth of the country, required that a few may grow enormously wealthy, is contrary to the genius of Republican institutions, and a disgrace to the civilization of the age. It must not, and shall not remain; and the 300,000 farmers of Illinois, whose fair and fertile farms are threatened by a taxation that no government would ever dare to assess, are the men who must begin and carry on the war. In our hands are the issues of this contest, and we deserve not the name of farmers—or freemen—if we permit the irresponsible and illegal force of railway corporations to make us their vassals and payers of tribute. Let us fight it out on this line.

After the address of Mr. Flagg, which was received with great applause,

MR. CLARKE,

editor of the *American Bee-Journal*, was called for, and pledged his support to the movement, which was but in the interest of justice to all classes. His remarks abounded in pointed and practical common sense, with a spice of humor, and apt illustrations that elicited repeated applause.

MR. MATHEWS,

of Indiana, being present, was invited to address the Convention, and responded in a brief address on the encroaching power of monopoly, especially on shipping, and, after presenting facts and figures in that country, as an evil of alarming magnitude, and that demanded the earnest consideration of the masses of the people. He knew of no class of the people that legislators would more readily heed than farmers. If they resolutely and firmly demanded their rights, they could accomplish, beyond all doubt, the objects of the present movement. Their sister State of Indiana, through the efforts of a State officer who came from the farm to control the finances of that State, had revolutionized the whole system of revenue; and the taxation of corporate capital, secured by his influence, would now yield hundreds of thousands of dollars revenue, and thus lighten the general burden of taxation. Mr. Mathews urged that the time had come when the pockets of legislators should not be stuffed with bonds and railroad passes; and, if the farmers of the country would adhere to the *must* and the shall of their resolutions, a purer legislation might be secured all over the country.

ORGANIZATIONS.

The Committee on Permanent Organization for a District Convention reported as follows:

Resolved, That, in our judgment, it would be unnecessary and impolitic to organize the Fifteenth Congressional District into a separate Convention.

Resolved, That we would propose to this Convention the organization of neighborhood and school district clubs, all over the counties of this district; which clubs should be represented in county societies in each county of the district; which county societies could, at any time, unite in a district convention when circumstances would indicate such a movement.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Republican Convention in recommending Col. Morgan for reappointment upon the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

Resolved, That, in addition to Col. Morgan, the farmers are entitled to one other member on said Board of Railroad Commissioners; and that we request the Governor to appoint W. C. Flagg to represent us on said Board.

DR. HORTON

was then called for, who made some pointed remarks in relation to the practical benefits of the local organizations. He urged the citizens of each county represented to take an active interest in securing local organizations everywhere, and to go forward in the movement, shouldering the expense, and combining together in every proper way to defeat the efforts of the railroads to absorb the proceeds of their labor.

After the adjournment of the Convention, which then took place, the

MARION COUNTY ORGANIZATION

was formed, and committees appointed for the calling of a county meeting on the 18th of March at Salem. It is understood that the other counties will also organize.

The meeting adjourned with the best feeling on the part of all.

IT WAS CLEARLY MANIFEST

that the farmers assembled meant business; that they felt themselves emancipated from party trammels, and will, in the future, labor for good legislation, equal and just to all classes of the people. The stirring speeches were repeatedly applauded, and there appeared that earnest determination on the part of all that clearly argued success.

LADY PRACTITIONERS.

Commencement Exercises of the Woman's Hospital Medical College.

Diplomas Delivered to Six Graduates—Remarks of Mr. Blatchford and Dr. McWilliams.

The ceremony of delivering to the graduates of the Woman's Hospital Medical College their diplomas was gone through with yesterday afternoon, in the Methodist Church Block. The faculty, the graduating class, and quite a number of ladies were present. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Ryder.

REMARKS OF MR. BLATCHFORD.

The presiding officer, Mr. Blatchford, then said:

The resignation of our President, the Rev. Dr. Haven, caused by his recent removal from the West, makes it my duty to preside on this occasion. I was not aware, however, till last evening, that any remarks would be expected at this time, and must therefore claim your indulgence for these brief words. It is now about eight years since, in the building preceding this, on this very site, was organized the Woman's Hospital Medical College. Among the friends here to-day I recognize some whose presence cheered us then. From various quarters came the demand for this movement,—the indications were unmistakable that the time for organization had come,—and the history of the institution has abundantly proved that our work was not undertaken too soon. I will not weary you with recounting the trials that attended our earlier years. They form the dark background which brings out the brighter picture of the success we are able to record to-day. It would be a grateful duty, did not their presence here forbid it, to speak of those to whom we are chiefly indebted for these results. They have been sustained and cheered amid the manifold and trying discouragements of these years by a deep conviction of the importance of the work they had undertaken, and that abiding faith which has ever been to noble workers both their inspiration and the pledge of their success. To you, kinder than all, this time, our gratitude. We have, in the aid rendered from time to time, received undoubted proof of the sympathy and confidence of the public. It becomes us, however, especially on this occasion, publicly to express our appreciation of the generous bestowal of means through the wise discrimination of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society. But, beyond them, our thanks are due to the numberless and unknown friends who came to the relief of the Chicago sufferers by fire, among whom we stood homeless. In the permanent buildings of the institution hereafter it may be deemed suitable, in some enduring form, to perpetuate the remembrance of the source from whence this bountiful gift was derived. The donation enabled us to secure the eligible lot upon which our hospital is erected, at the corner of Adams and Paulina streets, on the West Side, the value of which, including the admirable improvements just completed, will fall little short of $30,000, upon which there are some small balances yet unpaid, amounting in all to $4,000, chiefly due to friends who have given subscriptions. The ladies who, to-day, receive their diplomas constitute the second class which has graduated from the College. The first class, of three in number, completed their course last year. The present class, now numbering seven, has outgrown our building, located on North Dearborn street, broke up the class of 1872, as all the energies of the institution were temporarily concentrated upon the work for many months of following. But during this last college year thirty students have been in attendance upon the lectures; and the graduates of to-day assure us, by their successful examinations, that the instruction that is the practice of their profession they will give proof of that thoroughness of training which is pre-eminently the aim of this College to bestow. The benefits, however, of this institution, and the instruction pursued by the Woman's Medical College can only be secured by those whose previous intellectual discipline has prepared them for close study and accurate observation.

THE GRADUATES.

He then delivered the diplomas to Mrs. Mary E. Bennett, Miss Phœbe A. Sprague, Miss Sarah J. Finch, Miss Charlotte Moore Wedgwood, Miss Rosa H. Engert, and Miss Margaret Ellen Holland, who compose the graduating class.

Dr. McWilliams, of the faculty, then addressed the graduates on behalf of the faculty. He congratulated them for what they had done, but warned them that they had much else to do, and would have to work more laboriously than ever before in the new career into which they were entering. Many who had received diplomas had not the requisite knowledge or necessary capacity. There was sufficient employment for the competent, and for those who adhered strictly to the profession, and who were always students. They should attend professional meetings and read professional papers. They must not depend wholly on book-knowledge, but supplement it by observation. They must love the profession for its own sake alone, and without that they could not succeed. Instead of spending their leisure time in tea or card parties, they should devote it to study. They should always be prompt and punctual, and never complain of a want of time. They should tell the truth, but not magnify trifling ailments for the sake of a fee, or administer unnecessary medicines. They should also be honest with their professional brethren, and not seek to take unfair advantage of them, and aid in injuring their practices. They should get the National Code of Ethics, and study it, and also follow the Golden Rule. They need not expect a life of inglorious ease, but must do their work faithfully, and find their reward in doing it. They would witness many scenes of anguish and distress, and they would require all their skill and unremitting energy. They must attend equally on rich and poor, and go out in storm or shine, by night or day. If they wiped away a tear, or alleviated a pang, then their life would have been a success. Still they must charge fair fees, and must not let their benevolence be bounded. They must be forbearing with the sick, and endure patiently all the scandal of the professional and the community. In conclusion he urged them to be Christians, and pointed out the many advantages thereof.

THE SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

was then read, as follows:

The spring term will commence Monday, April 7, and continue until July 1. Two lectures will be given each day, in addition to hospital instruction. Clinics during the entire term will be held at the following-named hospitals: Hospital for Women and Children, corner of Adams and Paulina streets; County Hospital, corner of Arnold and Eighteenth streets; Mercy Hospital, corner of Indiana avenue and Twenty-sixth street.

Dr. Ryder closed the services with a benediction.

Sleeping-Cars.

From the New York Times.

Recent English tourists who have visited this country, and written subsequent books of travel, have never failed to praise the Pullman palace and sleeping-cars, and to urge their adoption by English railways. The latter having copied, to some extent, the American fashion of railway accidents, have at length been induced to consider the subject of sleeping-cars. The Midland Railway has just made a contract for a number of American sleeping and palace-cars, and travelers on that line will soon have an opportunity of using them. It is to be hoped, in adopting what is really a great benefit to travelers, that the English railway companies will not also adopt the unpleasant features of the sleeping-car. The ill-mannered porter who forces passengers to go to bed and get up precisely when he thinks proper, and who never fails to produce that hopeless entanglement of boots which leads to so much misery and profanity in the morning, is not a necessary feature of the sleeping-car, and should, by no means, be introduced upon any English railway.

Fish Culture.

Seth Green is doing an invaluable work in the stocking of waters with fish. The supplies of fish and spawn for stocking purposes, which are furnished by Mr. Green, are enormous. The Rochester *Democrat* says that over 100 lakes and streams have been furnished with bass, or pike, or both, this winter. Every one who has applied has carried away from 70 to 150 fish. To show how far such a number goes in stocking a body of water, the *Democrat* says: "We may mention than fourteen years ago, fourteen black bass were placed in the Potomac, and that that river has now become the best stream in the country for black bass fishing."

CALIFORNIA.

The Financial Condition of the State.

The Causes of That Condition.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27, 1873.

I am prompted to give you my impressions of California, however crude and incorrect they may be. Your readers are at liberty to take them for what they are worth.

The great, characteristic peculiarity of California is

THE CLIMATE,

which, in January, coming as I did from the cold and snows of Montana, seemed to me most transcendently beautiful and mild. The shrubs and flowers on the mountain-sides and in the valleys are opening their blossoms, and the grass and winter wheat are green and rapidly growing, being about six inches high. Radishes and other garden vegetables are ready for the table, and everything betokens spring. The frogs peep from the sloughs and marshes by the roadside, and the early spring-birds are already building their nests.

The climate of California is, beyond question, the finest in the States. The soil is equal to any. No Californian can be found who does not religiously believe this, and perhaps nobody outside will care to dispute it.

RESOURCES.

The agricultural resources of the State are immense, and in greater variety than can be found on the globe. The prodigious wheat crop last year is as yet, in large part, unsold. The wine product is very great and valuable. The mines of California produce annually $25,000,000. The aggregate agricultural product is probably four times that of the mines. Woolen-manufacturing, leather, shoes, wagons, harness, and other manufacturing are not inconsiderable, while the Navy-Yard at Mare Island, in addition to the ordinary work of our own Government, is about to undertake the repair of Russian ships, and the furnishing of stores, to the amount of $2,000,000,—the money being already on deposit here to pay the bills.

HARD TIMES.

With these resources, and others which are not named, it would seem that hard times ought to be comparatively unknown in California. Yet I am satisfied, from what I have seen and heard, that there are are more poverty and destitution here; more poor people out of work, seeking work, and unable to get work to do; more men working hard for low wages,—wages just sufficient to enable them to live from hand to mouth; with more merchants and business men complaining of hard times and dull trade; more home-owners in the cities and large towns unable to get a fair rent; more stock-raisers, and wool-growers, and farmers complaining of low prices,—than can be found elsewhere in the United States. In this city, real estate is rapidly on the decline, and almost all kinds of business at a stand-still. Mining stocks never were lower, and yet it would seem that they have not yet touched bottom. The hotels are empty, and they ought to be; stores and houses stand empty, or are paying a very nominal rental; and everything indicates general depression. I hear much said about the probable cause of this state of things, and

THE GENERAL CONCLUSION

seems to be, that there are three causes which contribute to the general result:

First—Monopoly of the soil by a few capitalists and railroads.

Second—An exclusive financial system, which isolates the State from the other United States.

Third—The importation of Chinese labor, with which American labor cannot successfully compete.

This is my own conclusion; and I emphasize the first and second as the chief causes, as, if they did not exist, the third would do no particular mischief, but perhaps contribute to the general prosperity. Two hundred individuals own, in the State of California, from 15,000 to 500,000 acres of land each. About fifteen persons own from 300,000 acres to 500,000 acres each. The Central Pacific Railroad Company own 12,000,000 acres. As one rides over the State, no small farms, or at least very few, of 160 acres or less, are to be seen. Vast areas undivided by fences are seen everywhere, which indicates very plainly how few the matter stands. These lands are covered with vast herds of sheep and cattle, or are cultivated to wheat, by cheap foreign—generally Chinese laborers, to the almost total extinction of American labor; and the result is, that the "Bianket Brigade," so called, which consists of from five to twenty young men in company, with their blankets on their backs, traveling up and down the State seeking employment,—is to be seen everywhere. As the care stopped at the stations along the valleys, crowds of men, numbering from 25 to 200 or 300 (as at Sacramento), were always seen loafing around the depots, with anxious, hungry faces, and, as I am credibly informed, without a dollar, many of them, in their pockets. These men are generally miners, "frozen out" by the cold, iron hand of capital, and no longer able to maintain a foothold at their old, accustomed labor. The Chinese can live on little or nothing, and therefore can and do work for very small wages,—smaller than any American can keep body and soul together with.

The Bank of California, with other associated capitalists, has succeeded in maintaining

A CHINESE WALL OF HARD CURRENCY

around the State, thus isolating her financially from the United States, and most effectually excluding trade and commerce, and foreign capital, from her borders. An Eastern man, attracted by the climate, thinks he would like to immigrate to California, and he sets himself to seriously calculating the advantages and disadvantages in a business point of view. All at once he discovers that, if he immigrates, his capital is at once reduced one-eighth. He has $32,000 now. If he removes to California, on crossing an imaginary line, somewhere in the Sierra Nevadas, his pile will suddenly melt down to $28,000. He will lose the labor of five years' labor, beside expenses and other sacrifices incident to removal. And it does not take much serious reflection to make him disgusted with the thought of going where the people are so insane as to erect a wall for the express purpose of keeping him out. Thus the capital and energy of California which would otherwise be taken here by the immigrant. In a business or commercial view, the wall is still more effectual. Merchants buy goods and manufactures in New York, New England, and Pennsylvania, and pay in greenbacks. They add transportation, insurance, and large profits, and sell for gold, which they swap, at 12 to 14 cents premium, for greenbacks to pay with. The whole trade of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, and Montana has been almost entirely driven away from San Francisco. The gold system is

KILLING THE TRADE

of San Francisco about as effectually as if the coast, for a depth of half a mile, were sunk forty fathoms below the surface of the Pacific Ocean. Still, the people see it not. They are going to buck against the national system of finance, as the little bull butted the engine, until they beat their own brains out,—until the trade of the Pacific Coast is utterly ruined, and only a few bankers and land-monopolists, who have grown enormously rich on the ruin of everybody else, survive.

Let the people of the great and glorious State of California at once awake to the true state of things. Let them immediately adopt

THE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY,

and give up the folly of attempting to maintain a peculiar system, to be abandoned by them at the first symptom of weakness when it is too late. No State, not even New York or Pennsylvania, could begin to do successfully what California, with only a small fraction of their capital, has attempted. The fact that California is a gold-producing State cuts no figure whatever; and yet this probably is the *ignis fatuus* which has led her into the folly of which she is now, and will continue to be, the victim. Let California hug her gold-delusion no longer,—not a single moment. She can now mitigate, but not avoid, the penalty which eight years of egregious stupidity on her part has incurred. Her merchants and farmers begin to see where and how they are exploited; landholders, and designing politicians have led her: Many have seen clearly, from the beginning of the folly, where it would land her. The majority of honest men of sense know that the State will be

PLUNGED IN BANKRUPTCY

within three years, unless her financial policy is reversed. She would have been bankrupt to-day had not Providence come to her relief in the form of an unprecedented wheat-crop the past season. The enrichment of her mines will materially diminish this year. A failure of her wheat-crop will insure general ruin by January, 1874. This is the prediction of at least not a few better financiers than your correspondent.

A. J. C.

[The foregoing letter presents an interesting, and, as we have reason to believe, a pretty correct, picture of the financial condition of commerce and the productive industries in California; but, as to the cause, we think the writer's conclusions are entirely erroneous. It is a popular error that the gold currency of the Pacific Coast is at the root of the unsatisfactory condition of trade there, when the fact is, that trade and mining have been immensely overdone. There are too many people trying to live by the interchange of commodities, and by the lottery of mining, and too few that are content to settle down to the more certain, but smaller, profits of agriculture. There is too large a proportion of the entire population in cities, and a greater accumulation of bank-capital than can be profitably used in the judicious encouragement of legitimate enterprises. There are only 700,000 people in the three States of California, Oregon, and Nevada, and 150,000 of this 700,000 are in San Francisco, a city three times too big for the country, in its present state of development. Compare this with Chicago and its 350,000 people, surrounded by a population of 7,000,000 in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, and Indiana, and the anomalous condition of San Francisco and California is apparent.

If there was any such loss or shrinkage on capital when it crosses the boundary between a greenback and a gold currency, as A. J. C. imagines, there would be an equal profit in bringing capital the other way, and the superabundant bank capital and deposits of San Francisco would flow eastward over the Sierras. The oft-repeated charge that the Bank of California has a monopoly of every important enterprise is, we believe, made in an entire mistake of the situation. The Bank of California, having got money interested in the starting of enterprises all over the State, finds itself compelled to invest more and more money to prevent their failure.—ED. TRIBUNE.]

THE LOW PRICE OF CORN.

One Cause Thereof.

STERLING, Ill., Feb. 3, 1873.

The Hon. James A. Patterson, Rock Falls, Ill.:

MY DEAR SIR: I have read with much interest the efforts that are being made, on the part of the farmers of Illinois and other States of the West, to find the cause of the low prices of everything they have to sell. There have been various reasons assigned. Some of them are correct, and have become glaring abuses; and others are apparently of minor importance, yet are but the forerunners of greater oppression.

There is one important cause for the low price of corn that I have not seen referred to; and it is for the purpose of calling your attention to it that I address you this letter.

Before the late Rebellion, this country exported spirituous liquors, in the shape of alcohol, to the amount of 10,000 barrels a month, or 120,000 barrels a year. To make this amount of spirits would require 2,500,000 bushels of corn. Illinois would furnish fully two-thirds of this article, and thus find a ready market for that much corn.

Congress found it necessary to impose a tax upon spirits, and refused to let them be exported unless the tax was paid. This put an end to all exporting of spirits, and for years it was utterly impossible to induce the Government to pass a law whereby this article could pass from the country free from the clutches of the tax-gatherer. During all that time, the Canadians were furnishing foreign countries with spirits, and the corn of the Great West was begging a buyer at prices that would make beggars of the farmers that raised it.

Repeated efforts were made to induce Congress to pass this law, and thus open a market for the immense quantities of grain that were being held all over the West, unable to find a remunerative market. Various pretexts were offered in apology for refusing this much-needed law, but never one that would stand the test of argument. To me it has been one of the unexplained mysteries why the Congress of the United States virtually said to the farmers of the West, "You shall not have the advantage of this outlet for your grain.

Pacific Railroads, Credit Mobiliers, and land-grants to the monopolies and oppressors of the country, could procure all the legislation necessary to their success; but the agricultural interests of the country had no advocates in the capital of the nation.

The people of the country, being deprived of this outlet for their spirits, found their business languishing, and legitimate business nearly or quite impossible. Finally, after years of repeated efforts for an export law, without success, they combined all their interests, went to Washington, and obtained sufficient attention to secure the long-mooted law.

Congress, now in possession of a judicious law, said spirits might be exported. Now let us see how an Eastern Secretary of the Treasury and Commissioner of Internal Revenue find how *not to do it*.

Mr. John S. Miller, of this city, is a large distiller of spirits, and is trying to export, under the new law, with success. His exporting is usually done in 1,000-barrel lots. The spirits are placed in barrels day by day, under direction of an officer of the Government. By him they are gauged, and then a stamp placed upon the barrel, at a cost of 10 cents to the producer. From here the spirits go into a bonded warehouse, also in charge of an officer locked up there. Mr. Miller has given a bond that neither he or the officer will steal them. When his 1,000 barrels have accumulated, they are taken from bond, and once more gauged. If they fall short from soakage into the barrel, evaporation, or any other cause, Mr. Miller must pay 70 cents per gallon for all there is found short. Another stamp is placed upon each barrel, at a further expense of 25 cents to the distiller. In addition to this, he gives a good and sufficient bond that these spirits shall be delivered within a given time to a foreign port. The spirits are shipped direct to the Collector of Customs in New York. There it is regauged, at an additional expense, and, many times, after such a delay as renders it impossible to deliver it to a foreign port within the time prescribed by law, and there is great danger of losing the bond being forfeited. Then the spirits seized by the officers. If the spirits fall short in New York, Mr. Miller has to pay for it; and, if they don't fall short, the liquor is at once seized, on the ground that something is wrong, for it ought to, and should, be short in a shipment of 1,000 miles.

Should the spirits be destroyed, from any cause, while in transit over the railroad, or the vessel sink, the distiller must pay the tax on the entire lot. Should he refuse, his bond is forfeited, and his property confiscated.

The practical effect of the law is destroyed by this exhibition of "how not to do it;" and exporting spirits might about as well be prohibited.

I am well aware that it makes but little difference to the farmers whether spirits are consumed at home or abroad; but it does make a vast amount of difference to them when the United States Government practically forbids the exportation to foreign countries of 2,500,000 bushels of corn annually in the shape of spirits.

The farmers of this State well will find, as they proceed in their investigations, that, while it is true that the railroad companies are one of the evils of which they complain, there are many others, just as serious as this, that have their depressing effects upon the agricultural interests of the West.

The simple and plain truth of the matter is, that, while the railroads have been at home on their farms, busily engaged, the legislation of the nation has been all in the interests of rings, cliques, and combinations, and *against* the interests of the producers of grain in the West. You will find that there are many laws upon the statute-books of the nation, that are operating against your interests now, so, and even more than, the export law referred to in this letter.

I call your attention to this one point, inasmuch as your efforts thus far have been only in one direction,—believing, as I do, that the causes are numerous that have produced the results we see in the low prices of everything the farmer has to sell. Pardon the length of this letter, and believe me, respectfully yours,

A. A. FERRELL.

A True Story.

A correspondent of the Norfolk (Tenn.) *Journal* "has no doubt of the truth" of the following story, which he writes from Matthews Court-House, Va.:

"There occurred, during the last moments of Mrs. Silla Summers, a strange phenomenon and a coincidence probably unparalleled. A few of the neighbors were sitting in a lower chamber, where Mr. Summers was confined to his bed with the rheumatism. He had his face toward the fire; suddenly he asked them to look in the fire, and tell him if they saw nothing remarkable. They looked, and all at once uttered an exclamation of astonishment; for there, on the face of a charred log, was plainly traced, in letters of fire, the name of Silla. All watched it in silence, some hoping, some fearing its significance. Soon one letter went out, then another, and another, till the last, when simultaneously there was a burst of grief from an upper chamber. The last spark of life in Silla Summers went out together with the last letter of her name."

THE GROWTH OF CHICAGO.

The Aspect in the Environs—Extension

THE LAW COURTS.

The Healy Slough Again---A Magnificent Dream.

End of the Norwegian Lutheran Church Secession Suit.

The Bertuccios of the Jury-Box Plotting a Revenge.

Appeal to Judge Gary Against the Reduced Pay.

Confidence Operators Sent to the Penitentiary.

An attempt to utilize the Healy Slough, by aid of the law, was yesterday commenced in the Circuit Court. Citizens who have heard of the slough only as a receptacle for filth, as a stagnant pool of offal and everything that is detestable, and have never visited the spot, have but little idea of the possibly immense future value of the land bordering it, should the law be successfully invoked to change the condition of things now existing there. The story told in a bill for certain relief, which is given more formally below, shows what a series of wasted opportunities this same slough has been, and how magnificent a prospect awaits it. Briefly stated, the slough, was formerly navigable, for a considerable distance, from the South Branch of the Chicago River to beyond Archer avenue, the land on both sides being available for the erection of elevators, manufactories, wharves, docks, and the thousand-and-one industries that swarm but a few hundred yards further on, and which have been rendered impossible on this particular property by the erection of a certain railroad bridge, which has choked the slough, stopped navigation, and caused to lie idle, unproductive, even a nuisance, an estate that should be useful and valuable almost as the land on the main stream itself. The owners of the property, in the bill yesterday filed, seek to have this railroad bridge removed and a swing bridge put up in its place, by which means shipping will be enabled to ascend the stream, wharves and docks will be erected, elevators, warehouses, and buildings will be put up, and trade, which is always requiring fresh accommodation on the crowded highway known as the South Branch, will eagerly force its way into the new quarters opened for it. Such, in brief, are the hopes and prayers of the complainants.

The following is a synopsis of the bill: Robert W. Healy, James F. Healy, Mary A. Casey, and Ann Healy, represent that about 1832, Robert Healy, father of Robert and James Healy, and Mary A. Casey, settled upon and acquired the pre-emption of Lot 6, Block 1, Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the south fractional part of Sec. 29, 39, 14, with certain exceptions named, afterwards completing his title by purchase from the Board of Trustees of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, to whom such lands were granted by the Legislature for canal purposes in 1843; which Board later gave him a proper conveyance, and he entered and continued in possession of the same until his death, in 1871, when his heirs, these complainants, succeeded in possession. They represent that said premises are situate near the South Branch of the Chicago River, a navigable water-course flowing through the City of Chicago into Lake Michigan, one of the navigable waters of the United States, which river also connects with the Illinois & Michigan Canal, upon and by means of which river a large amount of shipping, internal commerce, water transportation, and inland navigation of the State of Illinois, of which Chicago is the chief centre, is transacted, and upon and along which rivers are located many of the principal warehouses, elevators, wharfs, and docks of the city. Further, that the Healy Slough, so called, is a natural stream of water, taking its rise in the southwest of said lands, running in a northeasterly direction towards the same, and, curving to the north, crosses Archer avenue, touches said premises on the southwest corner, still flowing to the north, said premises forming its western boundary, and empties into the South Branch, thus being an arm, branch, and affluent of said South Branch, and thereby connects with the Illinois & Michigan Canal and Lake Michigan, and being moreover one of the navigable waters flowing and leading into the St. Lawrence Atlantic. Further, that said Healy Slough was sufficiently, at the time said Healy took possession of said premises, and has ever since continued to be, except as the same has been since obtained, as hereinafter mentioned, a navigable water-course, or navigable arm of the said South Branch, and during all that time was of sufficient width (seventy to seventy-five feet), depth, and capacity to allow the free and unobstructed passage of vessels, steamboats, canal-boats, scows, barges, etc., to a considerable distance above Archer avenue, and that it was so used for many years after 1834, particularly in carrying on the business of Stearns' stone-quarry. Further, that the chief value of said premises, under such circumstances, was its adaptability for commercial purposes, and that Healy and other property-holders, mindful of the fact, united to deepen and improve the water by dredging to a uniform width of seventy-five feet and a depth of twenty feet along the front of their property, by which means they hoped to make their lands valuable as wharfing lots. Then came the Chicago & Joliet Railroad Company and built a bridge across the water-course, under the following section of their act: "That whenever it shall be necessary for the construction of said railroad to pass over any water-course, canal, or railroad, or highway, it shall be lawful for the corporation to construct their railroad across, or upon the same; *Provided*, that the corporation shall restore the water-course, railroad, or highway thus intersected to its former state, or in a sufficient manner not to have impaired its usefulness." By authority of this section the Railroad Company, in 1856 or 1857, with full knowledge of the navigability of the waters, erected what was called a movable swing draw-bridge over said slough, upon which they laid their track, and which interfered but little with the value of the property, as it does not permanently choke up the stream. Subsequently, the Company leased its line to the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, and the latter substituted for the draw-bridge an immovable one, whichleaves only a space of two or three feet between the piers, abutments, and wooden piles for navigation, by which means the premises have been entirely cut off from its water communications. That charge also that the Company has been accustomed to deposit large quantities of stone and gravel in the water, which has gradually choked up the stream; and that the depth of water at the bridge, and for a considerable distance above and below the same, which formerly was eight feet, is now but two feet, and that the channel is filled with sand, gravel, and other deposits. That the bridge, etc., for a considerable distance above and below the same, is a nuisance, and that the Healy Slough, so called, is a natural stream of water, taking its rise in the southwest of said lands, running in a northeasterly direction towards the same, and, curving to the north, crosses Archer avenue, touches said premises on the southwest corner, still flowing to the north, said premises forming its western boundary, and emption

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MYERS' OPERA HOUSE—Monroe street, between State and Dearborn. Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrel and Burlesque Troupe. Ethiopian Comicalities.

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ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY—WHOLE TICKET, $20. Circulars sent; information given. J. H. MARTINEZ & CO., Bankers, 16 Wall-st., P. O. Box 668, New York.

The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, February 28, 1873.

The Senate of Virginia has passed a bill to pay the interest on some of the State bonds.

A new line of ten first-class propellers is to be engaged this year in the lake-to affic between Montreal and Chicago.

York and Pomeroy are both in disfavor with the Kansas Legislature. The former is censured by the Lower House for making charges which he cannot prove, and Senator Pomeroy is declared unworthy the respect of the people of his State. The Senate contents itself with refusing to pass a resolution praising York and condemning Pomeroy.

Castelar, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, asks all nations which have not yet recognized the Spanish Republic to do so at once. The Cortes has not yet passed any of the bills abolishing slavery in Porto Rico and the other colonies, or beginning any of the reforms which Castelar and his colleagues so warmly demanded when they were the powerless minority. The insurrections of the Carlists are spreading.

The Senate Appropriation Committee did well in voting against the addition of any subsidy amendments, but they might have given a better reason for their action. They rejected the amendments because they were not germane to any portion of the bill. They ought to have objected to them on the broad ground that Congress should grant no more subsidies of any kind, at any time or in any place.

Six women received their diplomas, yesterday, as graduates of the Woman's Hospital Medical College. During the year thirty students have attended the lectures. The first class, which was graduated two years ago, was three in number. The fire destroyed the building of the college, but a donation made them by the Relief Society has enabled them to obtain land on which they have built a hospital, which, with the lot on which it is situated, is worth $35,000.

The Supreme Court, yesterday, issued a *supersedeas* in the case of Rafferty, and Judge McAllister, under the circumstances, was forced to give the reasons why the Court could not refuse it. It appears that, in Rafferty's case, the same blunder was made as in the Pertect case, and the District Attorney, without having any record of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the previous case filed, proceeded to the second trial, upon a mere rumor, or hearsay, that the Supreme Court had reversed the previous judgment. Nearly all the interferences by the Supreme Court are compelled by the careless and reckless way in which the State's Attorneys perform their duty.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the Alton case, has led to the introduction of a bill in the Legislature to amend the law which was thereby declared unconstitutional. This measure prohibits the charging of unjust or unreasonable rates by railroads. To charge more than 3 cents a mile for passengers, to vary freight charges disproportionately to distance, and, in the case of the transportation of lumber, coal, grain, and some other articles, to exceed certain maximum rates to be fixed by law, are specified as cases of unjust discrimination. The first offense is punished by a fine of $2,000, a second forfeits the charter.

The Fairbury (Ill.) *Independent* wants to know "Who is running our Government?" The question is addressed to THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, and the imbroglio concerning the appointment of three Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of Illinois. We answer cheerfully that John L. Beveridge is running our Government in the Executive Department; the General Assembly in the Legislative Department; and the Judges in the Judicial Department. It has been sought to override and submerge both the Executive and the Judicial Departments by a volunteer department, but with so little success that the attempt seems to have been for the most part abandoned.

Peruvian news tells the same story of anarchy, assassination, and political incapacity that people learned years ago to expect from the South American Democracies. Two revolutionary leaders, about to leave Lima, having been shot by some unknown persons, an armed mob, infuriated by the charge that the Government had procured their murder, broke into the hall of the Peruvian Congress, and demanded that the Ministry be at once changed. They threaten revolution if they are not at once obeyed. Such scenes have been common in all the Republics which the Spaniards of South America have attempted to found, and their continuance is of more than ordinary interest, now that the Spaniards in Europe have essayed the Republic.

The Farmers' Convention at Bloomington has formed a permanent organization to meet once a year. It adopted resolutions declaring that the railroad laws should be amended so that they may be enforced; officials who attempt to eject from their trains passengers offering the legal fare of three cents a mile should be punished; the Union Stock Yards at Chicago are extortionate in their charges, and should be subjected to regulation by law as well as the railroads and warehouses; Governor Beveridge is censured for not reappointing Mr. Morgan as one of the Railroad Commissioners, and is recommended to name Messrs. John P. Reynolds, R. P. Morgan, and W. C. Flagg as members of that Board.

Mr. Whitthorne, of Tennessee, is at least deserving of the credit of reminding Congress that another of its members, who has not figured in the Credit Mobilier investigation, was culpable to the extent of enjoying Credit Mobilier dividends while serving the public in the House of Representatives. This was Mr. Samuel Hooper, of Massachusetts. He is in every way worthy of a eulogy from Gen. Butler, after the latter's oratorical apology for Oakes Ames. Hooper was one of the organizers, and one of the largest stockholders, of the Credit Mobilier Company. He was entirely familiar with the scheme for appropriating the public funds, if not one of its originators. He went into the business of defrauding the Government while he was holding a seat in Congress along with the trust attached to it. To this extent he was equally guilty with Ames, Alley, Dodge, Brooks, and the others.

It is stated that a memorial from South Carolina, signed by many members of the Legislature of that State, has been forwarded to the United States Senate, praying that Patterson be not allowed to take his seat, because he obtained his election by bribery and fraud. Here is another subject for Congressional investigation. With clear proof of the guilt of Ames and Brooks, the House of Representatives has not dared to expel them; the Clayton investigation has resulted in whitewashing; the Caldwell conviction is postponed from day to day with the evident purpose of defeating it by adjournment. If we are to have no convictions and no punishment for Congressmen who are proved to be guilty of gross offenses against public decency and morality, the public have the satisfaction, anyhow, that the corrupt have been exposed.

The Committee of Thirty appointed by the French Assembly to draft a scheme of constitutional government for France have made their report. Thiers has shown his mastery of the situation in nothing more clearly than his management of this Committee. It was appointed in opposition to his wishes, and showed from the first an intention to oppose every prerogative which the President desired to obtain. But in the consultations between him and the Committee the wily Thiers has won from them nearly every concession for his power to veto and right to participate in debate which he originally claimed. When the report, from which so much of disturbance to the order of France had been feared, was presented to the Assembly, Minister Dufaure announced that the Government unreservedly accepted its recommendations.

There is one editor in Tennessee who has shown rare pluck and common sense,—Mr. William Rule, of the Knoxville *Chronicle*. He was recently challenged by Maj. Moses J. Wicks, late President of the Memphis Savings Bank, for mentioning some financial transactions not creditable to Mr. Wicks, but which Mr. Rule believed to be true. In reply to the challenge, Mr. Rule stated that he recognized no such code as the "heathenish so-called rule of honor;" that he should avoid personal difficulties, but if attacked, should not hesitate to defend himself promptly and effectually. In conclusion, Mr. Rule says: "Words cannot express my contempt for such folly. It is not proof of courage, but of cowardice! It is not evidence of manliness, but of a weak concession to a heathenish and brutal custom. It is not the way to defend a gentleman's honor, but a practical confession of his inability to defend it in the manner prescribed by an enlightened Christian public sentiment and the laws of civilized people." In view of such a courageous utterance as this in the South, the editor of the Knoxville *Chronicle* is an excellent Rule to follow.

The Chicago produce markets were moderately active yesterday. Mess pork was a shade firmer, closing at $13.15 cash, and $13.40 seller April. Lard was inactive and a shade easier, at $7.55 per 100 lbs cash, and $7.80 seller April. Meats were quiet and steady at 4¾@4¾c for shoulders; 6¾@6¾c for short ribs; 6¾@8¾c for short clear; and 8¾@8¾c per lb for 18-lb green hams. Dressed hogs were quiet and easier, at $5.80@5.65 per 100 lbs. Highwines were quiet and steady at 86½c per gallon. Lake freights were quiet and firm at 12½c for corn to Buffalo. Flour was dull and steady. Wheat was active and ½c lower, closing at $1.12⅝ cash; $1.12½ seller March; and $1.22½ seller April. Corn was active and steady, closing at 31½c cash; 31⅝c for fresh receipts, and 31⅜c seller April. Oats were quiet and steady at 25½c cash, and 26½@26⅝c seller April. Rye was quiet and ½c higher, at 64c. Barley was dull and ½@1c lower, at 69@69½c for regular No. 2. Live hogs were in good request at $4.00@5.10 for poor to extra. The cattle market was active for the better grades, and firm. Common descriptions were quiet. Sheep were in large supply, and sold slowly at ½c decline.

The burden of the defense of the Credit Mobilier Congressmen seems to have been a general tirade against the newspapers. Gen. Butler and Mr. Bingham both introduced this element into their speeches. The argument is, presumably, that the Credit Mobilier Congressmen should not be punished or censured because the corruption was first exposed by the press. To admit the truth of this exposure in open Congress would be to admit that the newspapers do the state some service by ventilating Congressional thieving, and watching Congressional jobs. This is what Mr. Bingham characterizes as invading "The Palladium of the Liberties of the People." He virtually asked Congress to send back word to the newspapers that the investigation miscarried because the newspapers had demanded it. The spirit of this Congressional opposition to the newspaper press was similarly expressed by Mr. Hoar, the other day, when he insisted that stale public documents should be printed and distributed throughout the country to counteract the influence of the great journals. The moral of all this is not particularly creditable to the Congressmen who advance these views, but it is a cheering indication that the power of the independent press is asserting itself to some purpose.

The bill establishing a maximum charge of 3½ cents per mile for the transportation of passengers in Iowa will soon become a law. The railways are not disposed to resist it. The trunk lines are mainly land-grant roads; and, in accepting the grants, they acceded to the provision inserted in their charters, that the Legislature should have the right to regulate their tariffs. The first land-grant containing this provision authorized the construction of the roads now known as the Burlington & Missouri River, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Des Moines Valley, and Illinois Central (Iowa Division) Railroads. Still another railway, which subsequently gave place to the Cedar Rapids & Missouri River Railroad, which forms the Chicago & Northwestern Company's line from Cedar Rapids to Council Bluffs, was embraced. In confirming the charter upon the Cedar Rapids Company, it was expressly stipulated that the Legislature should retain the right to regulate the Company's freight and passenger tariffs. The Illinois Central line, from Dubuque to Iowa Falls, and the Northwestern, from Clinton to Cedar Rapids, are not land-grant roads; but the fact that two parallel lines—the Rock Island and Burlington—will have to lower their tariffs to the required standard, will suggest to the others the expediency of coming down to the same competing rate.

The details of the testimony in the Pomeroy investigation show some rare instances of the manner in which the Devil may be whipped round the stump. Asa Low, one of Pomeroy's witnesses, swore that he did not intimate to O'Driscoll, as has been stated before, that $2,000 would not break him (Low) if he voted for Pomeroy. O'Driscoll replied that if he voted for Pomeroy his constituents would go back on him, and that would ruin him, whereupon the witness said that if his constituents went back on him, he would stand by him, if it cost him a farm or a thousand or two thousand dollars! After this plump statement, it is refreshing to read the declaration of the witness that he gave O'Driscoll no intimation that he would pay for his vote. W. M. Matheny, a member of the Kansas Senate, also swore that D. S. Kelly, a friend of Pomeroy's, called upon him and asked him what he thought a piece of property in the town where Matheny resides, belonging to Kelly, was worth. Kelly replied that he thought it was worth about $1,500, whereupon Kelly said, "If you will vote for Pomeroy, you can have that piece of property for $25." Another of Pomeroy's immaculate witnesses testified that O'Driscoll was approached with a bribe "to find out whether he was mercenary;" if he was mercenary, he was not for Pomeroy! And yet upon Pomeroy's honor as a Senator there was no attempt at bribery to secure his election to the United States Senate!

The bill to carry into effect the provisions of the Treaty of Washington, relative to the fisheries, passed the House by a vote of 145 to 30, on Monday last, with but a single amendment, which fixes the 1st of July next as the date when Canadian fish shall be admitted to our ports free of duty. This amendment was adopted in justice to New England fish-merchants, who have large stocks of fish on hand. The bill provides for the admission of fish oil and fish free of duty from Canada, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, except fish of the inland lakes and of the rivers falling into them, and fish preserved in oil being the produce of the fisheries above mentioned. The third section provides for the custom-house entry and conveyance in transit of all goods, wares, and merchandise, free of duty, arriving at the ports of New York, Boston, and Portland, and such other ports as the President may designate, and destined for Her Majesty's possessions in North America. The fourth provides for similar transportation of goods, free of duty, from one port in the United States to another, *via* the St Lawrence River and the great lakes, the use of the canals in the Canadian Dominion on terms of equality with the people of the Dominion, and the right to float lumber, free of duty, cut on that portion of the American territory in the State of Maine watered by the River St. John and its tributaries, down that river to the sea, when the lumber is shipped to the United States from New Brunswick.

The news of the passage, by both Houses of Congress, of the bill for the exchange of the Bridewell lot in this city for the old Post-Office site, will be received with pleasant congratulations by all our citizens. The respective pieces of property have yet to be appraised, in order that the difference in value may be ascertained, and entered to the credit of the proper party in the transaction; but it is now definitely settled that the Chicago Public Library will have a home of its own, and a permanent one, and will soon be released from its confinement in the old water-tank. The new location is in every way an auspicious one. The substantial walls of the old Post-Office, which so nobly withstood the terrible ordeal of fire, after being suitably repaired, and at a comparatively slight cost, will inclose a structure of ample room to meet the growth of the library for years to come, while, in respect to public convenience, the location could not be bettered. It is centrally situated, and easy of access from every division of the city by horse-railroads and omnibuses. It is in the very heart of the city, where a public library should be. Everything thus far connected with the Library movement, from its very inception, has worked harmoniously and happily, and in this respect there is cause for sincere congratulation. When the Library is removed to the new quarters and the old tank is left once more to its iron meditations—a day which we trust is not far off—it will at once enter upon its unrestricted career of usefulness.

Speeches were listened to impatiently in the House yesterday. That body was anxious to get to voting, and to close forever the scenes of the tragical farce of the Credit Mobilier investigation. Mr. Farnsworth began business by a motion to lay the report on the table. This was lost by a vote of 164 to 59. By a vote of 115 to 110, it was decided to consider Mr. Sargent's substitute for the resolutions of the Poland Committee. The first of these, "absolutely condemning" Ames, was then carried by the overwhelming vote of 181 to 36. Brooks was one of the 36 who voted in Ames' favor. Then, 174 to 33, Brooks was "absolutely condemned." At this point an attempt was made in behalf of the other members implicated to close the matter by discharging the Committee; this failed by the close vote of 104 to 114. When the preamble of Sargent's resolution came up, a second attempt to reach the same result was made by moving to lay it on the table. This would have stopped any further action; it was defeated by 131 to 78. The preamble was then rejected, 98 to 113. A resolution to censure Hooper, Dawes, Kelley, Scofield, Garfield, and Bingham was ruled out by the Speaker, on the ground that only one member could be censured at a time. The House consented to consider a resolution censuring Kelley, and laid it on the table by 117 to 75. By this time the broad character of the comedy was apparent to all, and a motion to censure Hooper was received with laughter, and good-humoredly rejected by 108 votes to 75. By 114 votes to 75, the Committee were then discharged. As the Speaker stated, this closed the matter; and, at half-past 10 o'clock, the usual hour for closing such performances, the curtain fell.

A LAME AND IMPOTENT CONCLUSION.

The House of Representatives, after three days' debate on the report of the Credit Mobilier Investigating Committee, has passed resolutions censuring Oakes Ames and James Brooks by name, and making no mention of the other implicated parties. The report of the Committee recommended the expulsion of Ames and Brooks, but took no other action, although it mildly chided the members who took stock or dividends from Ames. It appears, then, that the temper of the House was not so severe as that of the Committee. The vote censuring Ames was passed by 181 to 36, and that censuring Brooks by 174 to 32.

This feeble conclusion of the whole matter must be attributed mainly to the fact that the accused members of Congress, including Ames, sacrificed their veracity, last September, in the heat of the Presidential campaign, to the Republican party, and the party was therefore bound to sustain them, or at least to let them off easy. The commotion and consternation which resulted from the publication of the Ames letters and list of names was a serious element in the then approaching October elections. The accused members, including Ames, waited a long time before answering the charge against them. If they alone had been concerned, it is not probable that any of them would have answered. But the party was put in jeopardy by the charges, and still more by their failure to answer. When it was no longer possible to maintain silence, they began to deny, some with one form of speech, and some with another. Ames chimed in with his joint and several falsehood. Thus they afforded the party organs and speakers the opportunity to pronounce the whole story a Greeley lie and a campaign slander. They laid themselves on the altar of the party; and, in the low view which politicians generally take of such matters, it was incumbent on the party to stand by them as it has.

It does not follow that this is the end of the Credit Mobilier controversy. We expressed the opinion, when the investigation began, that, if anything short of complete justice should be done, the battle would rage on, but before a different and much larger tribunal; that the people would take it up where Congress should drop it, and that it would be more an element of the next elections than it was of the last. That we are not mistaken in this view is apparent from the changed and changing tone of the Republican party-organs, many of which have censured the Poland Committee for its leniency, and will be compelled logically to censure the House still more strongly from its failure to come up to the standard which the Committee sought to erect. The Albany *Evening Journal*, in its issue of Feb. 24, holds this language:

> And now, if to the retirement of these (Pomeroy, Patterson, Harlan, and Colfax), Congress will append the expulsion of Ames and Brooks, and possibly the censure of some others, how the atmosphere will be cleared! The murky darkness gathered in an hour. Let the thunder-peal and the bursting storm follow with equal rapidity. The tempest will purify the air. There is to be a great change anyway. Congress after the 4th of March will wear a different aspect. Colfax will be out of the Vice-President's chair, Patterson, and Harlan, and Pomeroy will be out of the Senate. Caldwell, we trust, will follow them. Oakes Ames will no longer sit in the House, even if not expelled. But he ought to be expelled, and Brooks with him. Let the knife be unhesitatingly applied to cut off these false members. The Republican party has already done much to cleanse the foulness. A bold stroke in the Credit Mobilier will prove its title to the undiminished confidence of the people. Its own heart is sound, and it only needs to show that it will not tolerate any unworthy leaders.

If the action of the House is too lame and impotent for so pronounced a partisan as the Albany *Journal*, it will, indeed, come far short of satisfying the country.

A SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS.

The official life of the present Congress will end on Monday, March 4, at noon. By a fiction, the third day of March has been construed as extending to noon on the day following. The ordinary legislation of Congress has been much neglected this session, and the number and the importance of the various investigations has brought business to that state that in the few hours that remain there can be but little intelligent legislation. All the crimes of legislation which have cost this Government so much money, and involved it in so much confusion, have been enacted during the last hours of Congress, when bribery, corruption, and even forgery, have been resorted to with success.

Besides the several branches of the Credit Mobilier case in the House, the Senate has a half-dozen like matters of almost equal importance. There are the cases of Patterson, Pomeroy, Caldwell, Clayton, Harlan, and, possibly, Colfax. There is the whole case of the Louisiana election, and behind it are the contested elections in Alabama, South Carolina, and Nevada. In all these cases the Senate has to deal with fraud and corruption, and the judgments of the body are to become precedents for the future. In the meantime there are several hundred bills pending before the two Houses, upon which action is important. There should be an act passed relating to Louisiana; the bills providing for the distribution of the Geneva award and to execute that part of the Treaty of Washington relating to Canada should be acted on. We think it is evident that Congress should provide without delay for the meeting of the new Congress on the 4th of March. There never were questions more vital to the National character pending before that body than now. The whole matter of the capacity of the people for self-government is involved. The question whether the representatives chosen by the people have the courage and the honesty to investigate the frauds and corruptions of their associates has to be determined. It is notorious and self-evident that the Poland Committee nor the Wilson Committee ever did more than skim the surface of the Credit Mobilier corruption. It is notorious that Durant "placed" twice as much of the stock as Ames did, and yet there is not a word as to the persons to whom he gave it. Even with Ames, the only persons he confessed to were those named by him some years ago in his letter to McComb. Half of these declined the stock, but Ames did not tell, nor was he asked, what he did with the rest of the stock. Where did the $38,000,000 profits of the Credit Mobilier Company go, and who shared the profits besides Ames, Brooks, Scofield, Kelley, Dawes, Colfax, Bingham, and J. F. Wilson? The profits received by these, except Brooks and Ames, do not exceed $50,000, and it would be interesting to know who got the rest of it. There could be no more profitable inquiry, to be prosecuted during the summer months, than to have a select committee take up this business where these old committees left off, and explore the whole thing to the bottom. Oakes Ames will no longer be a member of Congress, and in no fear of expulsion. He can then be induced to open the hitherto sealed pages of his memorandum-book, and tell us how many other public men, Democrats and Republicans, he has recorded as recipients of his stock and dividends. He will then be able possibly to produce, from his papers, the receipts for dividends from the several gentlemen to whom, as he confesses, he has been endeavoring to make things as easy as possible. Then, too, the Committee may be able to find Gen. Granville M. Dodge, the gentleman who drew $10,000 a year salary as Chief Engineer of the road while a member of Congress, and who claimed that he could better earn his salary in the House than out on the road. Then, too, the Committee will be able to find out who received the $800,000 said to have been distributed, in 1864, to have passed the act of Congress changing the first mortgage of the Government into a second mortgage. There is, in fact, an entire summer's work for an industrious committee to dig up the past history of the Union Pacific Railroad legislation, and expose to the country the many men of public life who have been dishonest and corrupt, and who have been the stipendiaries of the thieves into whose hands those roads were committed.

The House has passed judgment upon those of its own members who have been guilty; but that judgment was based upon only a partial disclosure of the facts. There are a great many men who were, perhaps, as guilty as Bingham and Ames, against whom not a word has yet been made public. Some of these will be turning up hereafter as candidates for President or Vice-President, or for places in the Cabinet, or for seats in the two Houses of Congress. Why not have the whole story at once, and all who were guilty punished alike?

The two Houses of Congress have been informed by the President that, unless they act upon the Louisiana case, he will continue to employ the Federal troops to maintain the greatest act of political villainy that has ever received official recognition; that he will continue to place the troops at the disposal of Judge Durell, whose proceedings as a Federal Judge have astounded the whole country. The two Houses have also to decide which, if either, set of Senators and Representatives are to be admitted from that State. This business requires calm and careful deliberation; it cannot be acted on in the last hours of an expiring session, and Congress should therefore meet next week, and, unembarrassed by ordinary legislation, should dispose of all these questions.

We have no question that many men in Congress and out of it will breathe freer when the present session shall close, assuming that that is the end of all investigation. But there ought to be virtue enough in Congress to provide the means for continuing these investigations. They cannot be stopped. Congress will have to choose between having them go on in the summer, or beginning them next winter. The fact that Mr. Harlan will be out of the Senate is no reason why his conduct in receiving $10,000; or $30,000, while Secretary of the Interior, from the Pacific Railroad Company, should not be investigated. What one Secretary has done another may do, and there should be some legislation to punish the repetition of such an indecency not merely by impeachment but otherwise.

There is just at this time no party divisions in Congress nor out of it. There is no Presidential or other general election pending, and now is the most auspicious and convenient time for all parties to hunt up their black sheep, and get rid of them. Now is the time to unmask the corruptionists who, under the cloak of special virtue, are robbing the public. Now is the time to explain why an honest man will pay $60,000 to be elected to an office the lawful emoluments of which are barely sufficient to afford him a living. It is time also to define by law what is a lawful and legitimate expense in procuring an election to the United States Senate, and now is the time to make it a crime to receive or to pay money, directly or indirectly, for a vote for that office.

No more appropriate or convenient time for all this legislation than in a special session, beginning at the close of the present one, and Congress can hardly do better than to pass the necessary law at once.

QUINCY.

Arrest of an Absconding Defaulter and Bigamist.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 27.—Geo. L. Wedgewood, late School Superintendent of LaSalle County, Ill., who absconded last November, with $8,000 of the school funds, deserting his wife and taking with him another woman, was arrested here to-day on board a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train, while on his way west. He had been living in Toronto since his flight, but, becoming tired of the climate, resolved to move to Kansas, and reached Chicago two days ago, where he purchased a through ticket for Emporia, Kan. He was committed to prison here, and the authorities of LaSalle notified of his arrest.

Important Decision in Favor of Macoupin County Bondholders.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 27.—A judgment for $150,000 in favor of the holders of the Macoupin County bonds, that were issued to build the celebrated court-house, was obtained to-day in the United States District Court. The county is fighting every inch of the ground, and steadily refuses to pay interest on the bonds. The officers, whose duty it is to assess the tax necessary to raise the money, refuse to do so, and it is supposed that in the end a Marshal will have to be appointed to do the work. It looks now as if the payment of the bonds is a good way off.

A Murderer Sentenced.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Feb. 27.—At Charles City, Iowa, some few weeks since, Marshal S. O. Page, in attempting to quell a drunken row, received a wound in the head from a young German, named F. Siebert, whom he tried to arrest. The blade of the knife with which the wound was inflicted broke off imbedded in the brain, causing Page's death yesterday. After weeks of trial, the jury convicted Siebert of murder in the second degree, and to-day Judge Ruddick sentenced him to eighteen years in the Penitentiary. The prisoner received his sentence with the greatest nonchalance, seemingly caring nothing about it.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

WISCONSIN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SENATE.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 27.—The storm and inadequacy of the telegraph lines prevented sending dispatches last night.

The Senate, yesterday, passed bills reducing the price of university lands in certain cases; for the education of county poor children; for the better organization of the militia, and concurred in the Assembly bills raising the age of commitment to the Reform School.

The Assembly voted to require all committees to report everything before them by Saturday.

A bill passed raising the salary of the Supreme Court Judges to $5,000.

After three hours debate, bills appropriating $1,000 each to eight Milwaukee hospitals, asylums, homes, &c., and $500 to one in Manitowoc, were indefinitely postponed.

The Railroad Committees have reported the Land Grant bills in both Houses, without recommendation. The Milwaukee & St. Paul bill, however, has amendments which propose making Prescott the initial point, requiring sixty miles yearly to be built between the St. Croix River and Superior, and providing for building a road from Monroe to Mineral Point.

The Senate has made the Land Grant bills the special order for Tuesday, and until disposed of.

The Assembly has not reached its Land Grant bills yet.

In the Senate, to-day, the Committee on Finance presented a bill for a State tax of $621,110 for expenditures for 1874.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Gov. Washburn for his satisfactory settlements of the Duluth and Superior harbor disputes; submitting the question of a Constitutional Convention to the State, the latter 21 to 8.

A score of Assembly bills were concurred in, including bills to authorize a railroad bridge across the Mississippi at Red Wing; to prevent frauds in the sale of personal property; to prevent a multiplicity of actions upon the same cause; to make a certificate official evidence of service of papers in civil actions.

Several bills in regard to the assessment of taxes were postponed till to-morrow, and there seemed to be a general disposition to postpone almost every bill which elicited debate, of which there was a good deal.

In the Assembly there was an unprecedentedly large number of remonstrances presented against the repeal of the Temperance law.

Resolutions were offered for instituting an inquiry as to the propriety of memorializing Congress for the improvement of the St. Croix River; as to whether the West Wisconsin Railway Company has sold or mortgaged lands with intent to deceive. Resolutions were adopted directing the State Superintendent to prosecute inquiries and make reports as to the best means of promoting education, whether by compulsory measures or otherwise; in favor of two-cent letter-postage, free carriage of newspapers within States where published, and no franking; that no leaves of absence be granted except for good cause.

A resolution was tabled protesting against the charges for post-office boxes and drawers, as an obstacle to cheap postage.

An amendment to the bill appropriating $2,000 to the State Agricultural Society and prohibiting the holding of its fairs over two years in one place was rejected, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Bills passed to declare certain streams and rivers navigable, and authorize the erection of flooding dams thereon; to amend the laws of 1871 authorizing Town Supervisors to construct drains in certain cases.

There was quite a debate and some set speeches on the bill to compel children between 8 and 14 to attend school twelve weeks in the year. It was advocated by Messrs. Sayre and Cheever, and opposed by Messrs. Doyle and Clark. It was indefinitely postponed—54 to 39.

The general surfeit of long speeches was shown at the conclusion of this debate, when it was voted that no member be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject or more than ten minutes at one time, without consent of the House.

Both houses hold a session this evening. The Assembly has a large general file.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 27.—In the House this morning, the Senate bill to provide for the admission of pupils to the Blind Asylum between the ages of 8 and 21 years, was passed. A communication was read from the Board of Public Works, giving reasons why in their opinion, the abandoned portion of the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal should be appropriated by the State for water purposes.

In the House a bill was introduced to change the name of the lunatic asylums of the State, so as to have them known as insane asylums.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—In the House this afternoon a resolution was offered reciting the importance to the commercial interests of Ohio and other States of a ship-canal to connect the Ohio River with the James River in Virginia, and requesting the Legislature of West Virginia and Kentucky to confer with the General Assembly of Ohio with reference to the best means of securing such canal. The resolution was referred to the Federal Relations Committee.

In the Senate, this afternoon, the Senate bill to amend the Insurance law so as to authorize fire insurance companies of Ohio to do business on $100,000 capital, was passed.

A bill was introduced to regulate contracts on behalf of the State.

Two contractors and an architect, to-day, testified before the legislative Investigating Committee that, in their opinion, the rear walls of the splendid new Blind Asylum Building, resting on piers or arches with a heavy wall above it, is unsafe and dangerous.

MICHIGAN.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 27.—A joint resolution confirming to the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company their land-grant for building a road between Menominee River and Negaunee, in the Upper Peninsula, passed both Houses.

The Senate also passed bills punishing adulteration of milk, and requiring the Land Commissioner to give public notice of the restoration of reserved or forfeited lands to market.

This afternoon a long and earnest discussion was had in the House on the project to bridge the Detroit River, and on the bill appropriating a tax of one-twentieth of a mill on State property for the benefit of the University. The plan to bridge the river was strongly opposed by Representative Howard of St. Clair, who showed that 30,000 vessels passed in to the St. Clair and Detroit River during a season, and said that 3,500,000 bushels of wheat are shipped from Milwaukee by water, to 327,000 bushels by rail.

There was some opposition to the appropriation for the University, several members preferring the appropriation of a specific sum at once.

Alonzo M. Haynes, of Kalamazoo, has been appointed official stenographer of the Livingston Circuit.

KANSAS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—The Iowa House of the Kansas Legislature yesterday passed a resolution censuring York for making charges against members and failing to sustain them; also one declaring Pomeroy unworthy of the confidence and respect of the people of Kansas.

In the Senate a resolution eulogizing York and condemning Pomeroy was lost by a vote of 12 to 18.

NEW JERSEY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Commissioners appointed by the Legislature of New Jersey to procure statues of Kearney and Stockton for the hall of Congress appropriated $16,000 for the purpose.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 27.—In the State Senate, yesterday, a bill was passed providing for the payment of interest on certain bonds of the State.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—In the Assembly, to-day, the New York charter was passed.

BLOOMINGTON.

Conviction of the City Marshal for Compounding a Felony—The University Scandal.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BLOOMINGTON, Feb. 27.—In the County Court, to-day, in a trial by jury, George Ball, City Marshal of this city, was convicted of compounding a felony with one Cyrus Vandervoort, and sentenced to pay a fine of $600. It is understood that Ball will appeal the case.

At the regular meeting of the City Council to-morrow night the matter will be discussed, and it is fair to presume that Ball will be removed from his position as the head of the police.

The resignation of President Russell, of the Wesleyan Methodist University, together with the much discussed, and perhaps exaggerated, stories of his amorous indiscretions of late, in which his name is associated somewhat too intimately with those of several of the students of that institution, is a topic that excites the greatest curiosity among the public here. The last story of the matter is so carefully concealed by those who are aware of the exact facts that what should justly be the property of the public, as being connected with the management of a public institution, is so far, reserved to those parties alone. Even the city papers here are unable to procure reliable information, although their readers are clamorous for the whole truth.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Gold, Bond, Stock, and Produce Markets.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Wall-street fever of excitement has apparently subsided, and a more quiet feeling prevailed at the close. The lively scenes, however, attendant upon the closing of the Stock Exchange on Monday night brought together a large number of brokers and speculators at an early hour this morning, and the opening of the Stock Room was awaited with feverish anxiety. Nothing new had transpired during the interim by which the course of the market could be predicted, and the general idea was that the novice in the street was as well informed as the veteran of the situation as the market opened. At the commencement of business this unsettled feeling was reflected in the sudden changes in the prices of the leading shares, and, while there was at no time any indication of a panic, yet the transactions of the morning were larger than over recorded, except in periods of great excitement. Prices having been well sustained, however, during the first quarter of an hour, in a sharply contested fight over Pacific Mail, Western Union, New York Central, Lake Shore, Union Pacific, and Ohios, a better feeling became apparent, and with renewed assurances that Mr. Stockwell would promptly meet his obligations to-day, confidence was gradually restored, with a sharp upward turn in the final dealings, a general market rising from 2 to 5 per cent, and closing at the best figures of the day. The future does not, however, look altogether rose-colored, nor is it easy to estimate the losses necessarily incurred in the general shaking-up of the market, and it is probable that some days will elapse before these figures can be determined. The "bears" may take courage from the weakness of the past two days, and organize another successful raid. Western Union was very strong, and advanced to 89¾ after selling at 89¼, with closing sales at 89¾. This stock was heavily purchased to-day, for the account, it is said, of the Commodore. It is not forgotten that, in 1864, Harlem advanced to 280 or above, while the remainder of the list declined from 20 to 30 per cent, and, it is remembered, Commodore Vanderbilt is as largely interested in Western Union as currently reported. History may again repeat itself in Wall street. Pacific Mail also showed a recovery from 58 this morning to 63¾, through in the final dealings dropping to 61½. New York Central was run up to 103, against 101¾ earlier in the day, and Lake Shore on large transactions rallied to 93¾ from 91. Ohios were very active during the early trade, fluctuating between 44¼ and 45¾, with large sales at 45½. Wabash rose 1 per cent to 73½, and Union Pacific rallied from 34½ to 38¾, though selling later at 34¾. Erie was strong in the afternoon business, and closed strong at 65¾, as against 64¾ in the morning. The improvements in the remainder of the list were unimportant.

The total number of shares dealt in were 325,140, of which Western Union represented 74,800; Pacific Mail, 77,900; Lake Shore, 49,650; N. Y. Central, 35,600; Ohios, 28,800; Erie, 20,200; Boston, Hartford & Erie, 19,800; Union Pacific, 16,200; C. C. & I. C., 8,600; Rock Island, 7,100; Wabash, 6,000; St. Paul, 9,700; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 900; Atlantic & P

THE STATE CAPITAL.

House Bill Introduced to Modify the Present Railroad Law.

Cook County Bills Generally in a Backward Condition.

Bill Relative to Clerks of Circuit Court in Cook County Passed in the Senate.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 27.—Mr. Dunham, of Henry, offered a bill intended to cover the defects in the Railroad law exposed by the recent decision. It provides that any railroad charging more than just or reasonable rates shall be fined for the first offense $2,000, and for the second offense shall forfeit its franchise. Charging more than three cents a mile is to be taken as strong *prima facie* evidence of violation of the law, as is also the charging less for carrying freights for a longer than a shorter distance. There is also a provision allowing maximum rates per mile for carrying grain, lumber, coal, and some other articles, the charging of more than such maximum to be *prima facie* evidence of extortion. It is made the duty of State's Attorneys in the several counties to prosecute under the act, and Supervisors are authorized to cause proceedings to be instituted and to employ counsel to aid the State's Attorney, and any person instituting the proceedings will get half the fine recovered, the balance going to the school-fund.

LIMITING NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Peltzer will introduce a whereas, setting forth that nearly 400 bills have been introduced, and, as it is about time to stop the introduction of new business, he resolves that no new bills be introduced after March 10. It is about time something of the kind was done.

JUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT.

The Judicial Department Committee reported the bill apportioning the State into judicial circuits, being the same as published in yesterday's dispatches. It was read a first time. The fight will be on the second reading.

THE STATE-HOUSE BOND AGAIN.

The Attorney-General submitted to the House a supplemental report on the State-House bond to the effect that the State could demand the additional four acres within two years after the building was ready for use. It would seem more decent if the State House fight could end. It is a fixed fact in Springfield and should be finished at an early day. There is no doubt that the citizens of Springfield will pay for the four acres of land, and make a gift to the poor State of Illinois if necessary. The bond was forced from them under the pressure of the removal to Peoria, and they are bound by it, but it is a question whether the State should not pay for whatever land it needs, and be independent. One or two men are trying to make capital out of the situation.

RAILROAD POLICE BILL.

The Railroad Committee reported back its Police bill to the House. It provides for fencing, for protection at crossings, regulates the make-up of trains, and a number of other matters which properly come under the head of regulations. It was read a first time and ordered to a second reading.

THE HOUSE DELEGATION FROM COOK.

The performance of the Cook County delegation, at its meeting, last evening, should convince the House of Representatives that it is very absurd to refer Chicago matters to its as a committee. One member was absolutely "not himself at all." Inelegant language, unbecoming high-toned Cook County gentlemen, was bandied from one to the other until the county had reason to blush all over for the men she sent here. One side was no worse than the other. Both were unruly. As a body, the delegation has made a most unfavorable impression upon gentlemen from the country, and if Chicago is accommodated in any way it will be owing to the good will of those who do not directly represent her, rather than to the ability or tact of her own representatives, who possess a very small share of the former, and none of the latter. It is due to the Senators from Cook to say they average better than their colleagues in the House.

IN THE SENATE.

In the Senate the bill providing that children under 14 could work in coal mines failed to pass, and was reconsidered. The bill concerning Clerks of Superior Court in Cook County passed, and the bill for "an act concerning revenue in counties having 100,000 inhabitants, and providing for a County Assessor, and prescribing his duties," was recommitted, because Senator McGrath insisted that it should be made constitutional, and to apply to all counties.

CHICAGO BILLS.

The Chicago bills have been poorly engineered in the House, and there are grave doubts if they will go through. No. 900 will not get an emergency vote, and the city authorities' bill for collecting the back taxes is in great danger of not getting a majority.

The Hon. Thomas P. Root is here to reinforce Mr. Ashton. They await the arrival of Mr. Crawford before doing anything very big.

The Cook County Commissioners' delegation desire to establish a Probate Court to relieve the County Court, and will have a bill introduced. They have a bill increasing the fees of the Sheriff's office higher than they have ever been, and allowing the Recorder to charge 10 cents a folio instead of 6 cents. The increase they claim is absolutely necessary to make these offices pay expenses. Under the new system they desire a County Assessor also, but think they may never get him, as the members from Cook don't all want him. The bill came up in the Senate to-day, and was recommitted.

LIABILITIES OF COMMON CARRIERS.

Mr. Thompson's bill prohibiting limitation of liability by common carriers was discussed in the Senate, and postponed at his request for one week. It caused a sharp debate, Mr. Thompson making a strong speech in its favor, and Waite and Steele opposing it. The probabilities are that it will pass.

THE JURY BILL.

The House organized a bear garden this afternoon, during the Committee of the Whole on the Jury bill, which made little progress.

THE WEST SIDE PARK BILL

will not go through in its present shape, and is a compromise. The clause permitting the anticipation of taxes and assessments will be eliminated. This is done to conciliate the Jefferson delegation, which insisted upon that much. Other modifications will be necessary before the bill can pass. Its condition grows critical.

SANITARY.

The Senate agreed with the House in the appointment of a Sanitary Committee to investigate the cause of foul air in the Capitol.

THE GAS QUESTION.

McGrath will, to-morrow, introduce the bill permitting cities to lease, purchase, and operate gas-works.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Nothing new to-night on the Railroad Commissioners. There being a light Senate, the names will not be sent in this week.

CALLED HOME.

Senator Whiting was called home to-day, by the sudden death of his wife from heart disease.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 27.—The Senate was called to order by Senator REYNOLDS, President pro tem.

PETITIONS.

By Senator PALMER—Petition against the present Stock law. Referred.

By Senator BROWN—In reference to an act now pending before the Senate. Referred without reading.

By Senator STRONG—Memorial from citizens of Livingston County. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

NEW BILLS.

By Senator UPTON—A bill for an act to provide for notice to parties of the pendency of suits.

By Senator SHORT—In relation to the levy and collection of taxes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Under a suspension of the rules the following reports were made:

The Committee on Appropriations reported Senate bill 240, recommending its reference to the Committee on Public Institutions. Referred.

The Committee on Municipalities—A substitute for the bill for an act removing city officers. Read the first time.

On motion of Senator McGRATH, 300 copies of the substitute were ordered printed.

The Committee on Fees and Salaries reported Bill 81, recommending that the enacting clause be stricken out. The Senate concurred. Also, Bill 200, with amendments. Ordered printed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Senator SHEPARD, under a suspension of the rules, introduced a resolution asking the Supreme Court to furnish the Senate with a certified copy of the opinion rendered in the case of the Chicago & Alton Railroad vs. the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners. Adopted.

Mr. WILCOX introduced a resolution ordering the Committee on State Charitable Institutions to employ a clerk. Allowed.

BILLS ON A SECOND READING.

The following bills were read the second time, and ordered to be considered section by section: Bill 198, to revise township organization; bill 149, in relation to the jurisdiction of courts regarding the disposition of causes which have been dismissed; bill 197, to enable purchasers of property and franchises sold under mortgage executed by corporations in this State prior to the adoption of the new Constitution, to become incorporated, hold, use, and enjoy the same, &c.—recommitted to Committee on Corporations; 193, revising the law in regard to the office of State Treasurer; 222, to amend the law establishing the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners; 89, regarding the completion, improvement, and management of public parks and boulevards, and to provide a more efficient remedy for the collection of delinquent assessments; 142, to define the duties of Masters in Chancery, and secure the prompt discharge of their duties; 164, to extend to all persons the benefits of the free school system of this State; 196, to revise the law in regard to the office of State Auditor; 77, to regulate the forfeiture of life insurance companies; 107, to amend an act entitled "An act in regard to the administration of estates;" 104, to repeal Sec. 25, and amend Sec. 28, of an act entitled "An act to incorporate cities, towns, and villages."

HOUSE MESSAGE.

concerning the sanitary condition of the State House, asking for a joint committee to inquire into the matter, on suspension of the rules, was concurred in.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

On motion of Senator THOMPSON, the Governor's message submitting the report of appointments of notaries public, was taken up, and, upon vote of the Senate, was concurred in. Similar concurrence in reference to appointments of members of the Board of Public Charities and Board of Education.

In reference to Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. Referred to the Committee on State Charitable Institutions.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Senate bill 115, to enable parties and persons interested to testify in all criminal cases or proceedings. Several minor amendments were adopted, and the bill ordered engrossed and to a third reading—ayes, 25; noes, 10.

OTHER NEW BILLS.

By Senator SHEPARD—A bill for an act authorizing telegraph companies doing business in this State to borrow money and give security on their property.

By Senator THOMPSON—Bill for an act to establish a probate court in Cook County.

By Senator BALDWIN—Bill for an act entitled "An act to amend the School law."

BILLS ON A THIRD READING.

Senate bill 93, a bill for an act concerning revenue in counties having 100,000 inhabitants, and providing for a County Assessor, and to prescribe his duties. Recommitted.

Senate bill 66, concerning Clerks of the Superior Court of Cook County. Passed,—yeas, 27; nays, 2.

Senate bill 4, to amend the act amending the act providing for the health and safety of coalminers. The bill was not passed.

Senator HAMPTON entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill failed to pass.

Bill 129, to fix the liability of common carriers receiving property for transportation.

Senators THOMPSON and BURKE spoke in favor, and Senators WAITE and STEEL against, the bill.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the bill was made the special order for Thursday next at 11 o'clock.

BILLS REPORTED BACK.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary reported back bills 41 and 130, and recommended that they be laid upon the table; also bill 167, relating to Judicial circuits. On request of the Chairman, the rules were suspended and the bill read for the first time.

COUNTY-HOUSES.

By permission, Senator WAITE introduced a bill for an act to provide for the establishment of an industrial department in connection with county-houses and poor farms.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

STATE-HOUSE BOND.

The SPEAKER submitted a report of the Attorney General in relation to the time when the State may require the additional grounds for the new State-House, in accordance with the bond. Ordered printed.

Mr. HILDRUP reported a substitute for bill 208, in relation to fencing railroads and providing for the safety of persons and property, and defining the duties and liabilities of railroad companies, employes, and others. Ordered to a second reading.

NEW BILL.

By Mr. DUNHAM—To provide for fines and forfeitures for violations of the laws regulating rates of passenger and freight transportation by railroads.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee reported adversely on the bill amending the act in relation to corporations; also, reported against the bill providing for confinement of persons in insane asylums acquitted of crime on the plea of insanity; also, reported a substitute for the bill in relation to decrees; also, in favor of the bill to remove the records of Schuyler County to the office of the State Auditor; also, reported favorably the bill to revise the chapter in relation to "landlords and tenants." Read and ordered to a second reading.

The Judicial Department Committee reported a substitute for various bills to divide the State into judicial circuits, which was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Committee on Education reported adversely on the bill in relation to the election of trustees of schools and school directors, which provides that the election of such officers shall take place on Monday, instead of Saturday. Report concurred in.

The Committee on Revenue reported various bills adversely; also reported back the resolution in relation to the liability of the Pullman Car Company to pay taxes on their cars in this State, asking that it be referred to the Attorney-General. So referred.

The Banks and Banking Committee reported favorably on the bill establishing savings-banks.

The Committee on Counties and Township Organization reported favorably bill 236, in relation to the election of commissioners in Cook County, districting the county for that purpose. Read and ordered printed; also, reported adversely bill 124, to extend the terms of supervisors in counties under township organization.

The Committee on Horticulture reported the Weed and Burr bill adversely.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented from citizens of McLean County against railroad extensions. From citizens of Kane County, asking statistics in relation to temperance. Other petitions were offered in relation to the same subjects.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. PELTZER offered a resolution providing that no new bills shall be introduced after March 10. Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. FREELAND offered a resolution providing for the removal of the remains of the father and mother of Abraham Lincoln to the tomb in the Lincoln Monument. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. MASSIE offered a resolution in relation to the records of Illinois soldiers, authorizing the Adjutant-General to obtain complete records from the War Department. Adopted.

SANITARY.

The SPEAKER appointed Messrs. Halpin, Westfall, and Collins on Joint Committee to look into the sanitary condition of the Capitol Building.

JURY BILL.

The House went into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of House bill No. 804, in regard to empanneling jurors, Mr. HART in the chair. The entire afternoon was occupied in the consideration of amendments. Pending the consideration of the thirteenth section, the Committee rose and reported progress, and the House adjourned.

Pennsylvania Finances.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—It appears that Harrisburg reports, unofficially, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have resolved to pay, on presentation, $1,250,000 of 5, 10, and 6 per cent bonds of the Commonwealth, being certificates of $5,000 and under, and to stop interest thereon after ninety days' notice.

A man charged with murder in New York has a long road which he may travel before he reaches the gallows. The New York *World* suggests that the execution of a criminal under the present statutes may require the unanimous consent of forty-four persons. Twelve jurymen must agree upon the question of fact that the accused is guilty of the crime charged upon him, and then thirty-two Judges of the Supreme Court have each an opportunity to exercise their legal finesse in picking flaws in the rulings and charge of their brother Judge who presided at the trial.

A FAIR EXCHANGE.

The Ruins of the Custom-House for the Old Bridewell Lot.

Now Chicago Will Have a Great Public Library.

History of the Exchange of Lots—The Originator of the Project.

Shortly after the fire of October, 1871, the question of a post-office and custom-house building came up for the consideration of the Treasury Department and Congress. The walls of the old structure still stood, but the edifice had been too small before the fire, and it was a recognized fact that one of the same dimensions would be inadequate to meet the greatly increased demands of the commerce and postal business of Chicago. A bill was passed empowering the Government to purchase the land necessary for a new building, and an effort was made to obtain the remainder of the block on which the old post-office stood, but, owing to the high price asked for the land, which would have consumed too much of the appropriation, that proposition fell through, and the Bigelow Block was taken instead. When it was decided to take that property, it became necessary for the Government to obtain that part of Quincy street between Clark and Dearborn.

Early in January a meeting of citizens had been held to appoint a Committee to prepare a bill for a Free Library, of which the English donations of books were to be the nucleus, and a bill had been drawn, and presented in the State Legislature, where it was being considered. On the 15th of February, 1872, THE TRIBUNE suggested that it would not be amiss for the General Government to give the old post-office site and the standing walls in exchange for that portion of Quincy street required for the new Government building. The proposition, then made for the first time, was laid before Congress in a somewhat modified form, a bill being introduced by the Hon. C. B. Farwell for the simple donation of the ground to the city. Owing to the late day at which it was presented, Congress adjourned without taking any action upon it, and the old post-office walls remained untouched, one individual suggesting that they be left as they were as a perpetual memento of the fire.

Then the matter slept for some time. The Free Library found temporary quarters in the new City Hall; and, in preparing the plans for the permanent building, provision was made for it there. But the Mayor, among others, had never given up the hope of securing the post-office site, where the Library could be better and more cheaply provided for than anywhere else, and, on the 10th of January, the Mayor, a number of members of the Council and the Board of Education, and the Directors of the Library Board made a proposition to the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange the old Bridewell lot for the site of the post-office building, it being understood that it was the intention of the Government to erect a bonded warehouse in Chicago, and the Bridewell grounds being an excellent site therefor.

This scheme met with favor from the Secretary of the Treasury, who, on the 28th of January, sent the following letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Mayor of Chicago, covering a proposition to exchange certain property owned by the School Board of the City of Chicago for the old custom-house lot and the remains of the building thereon. The Department does not at present contemplate the erection of any other store, as suggested in the communication, but is of the opinion that it will be for the interests of the Government to accept the proposition of the City of Chicago, inasmuch as the remains of the old custom-house would be of considerable value to Chicago, while they are of no value to the Government, and would be of little or no value to ordinary purchasers. The Department is informed that the land in question is not only valuable, but is rising in value. It therefore appears to me that the interests of the Government would be promoted by an acceptance of that offer. I submit a bill which, it appears to me, if passed, will accomplish the desired end. Very respectfully,

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

The bill submitted directed the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange with the City of Chicago the piece of land, with the remains of the old custom-house and post-office buildings thereon, at the corner of Monroe and Dearborn streets, in the city of Chicago, Ill., for a piece of land, the property of the School Fund of the City of Chicago, at the corner of Polk street and Fifth avenue, the difference in value between such pieces of land to be ascertained by a commission to consist of five persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and two by the municipal authorities of the City of Chicago; and the four Commissioners so selected shall choose the fifth; and that upon the receipt of the report of such Commission or a majority thereof, and its approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Government of the United States, or the City of Chicago, as the case may be, shall pay to the other in money the difference so ascertained in the value of said pieces of land; and that the money which may be required to pay for that property is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, provided that the State of Illinois shall cede to the United States its jurisdiction over the property thus acquired by the United States, together with the right to tax or in any way assess said lands or property of the United States that may be thereon during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

It was offered in the House by the Hon. C. B. Farwell on the 21st of this month, was amended at the instance of Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, so as to provide that any money which the United States might have to pay should be subject to future appropriation by Congress, was urged by Mr. Farnsworth, and was passed. It received the concurrence of the Senate day before yesterday, and requires only the signature of the President to become a law. Nothing will then be required to consummate the transfer but the consent of the city authorities, which will be promptly given, and the final action of the General Government or the city upon the report of the Commissioners. It is thought that the value of the two pieces of property will be estimated to be about equal, that of the post-office lot being enhanced by the walls, which must be worth fully $60,000.

The exchange is one which will be advantageous to both sides. The ground which the Government secures contains about 75,430 square feet, having a frontage of 200 feet on the South Branch, 380 on Polk street, and 198½ on Fifth avenue. It is convenient to the railroads, and is in all respects one of the best localities for a bonded warehouse that could have been selected. The School Fund, to which this property now belongs, will obtain therefor a lot containing only 17,100 square feet, but which is at present proportionately more valuable than the one it surrenders, and upon which stand the slightly injured and still serviceable outer walls of the old post-office building.

When the transfer is finally completed, it is proposed that the Library Board shall lease the old post-office lot for a long term of years, at a fixed rental, which, while it may not be very great, still will exceed that which it has been receiving from the Bridewell grounds. The limited funds at the disposal of the Library Board, which will not exceed $40,000 a year, makes it impossible for the Board to do any building for itself. It is impossible, without a thorough examination, to tell how much will be required to make the post-office serviceable. It was very solidly built, with massive and expensive foundations, while the outer walls are of solid stone, and not veneered. Once repaired, it will furnish all the room that the Library can desire. The question as to where the money is to come from for the School Board to make the necessary repairs has yet to be met, and they will probably make provision for it in their estimates for this year.

THE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I notice an article in your columns this morning, by "Civilization," on the subject of our County Hospital. Several articles have appeared previously, urging the necessity of better accommodations for the county sick; but no reference is made by any of them to the recommendations of the Department of Public Charities. Dr. Miller, the Superintendent, in his annual report says: "In comparison with other cities, we are more poorly supplied with hospital accommodations than any other city in the world, according to our population;" that "the present hospital is inadequate," both in size and construction; "the grounds are also insufficient in size for the use of the patients."

It is a well-known fact that for years the hospital has been kept filled to its utmost capacity; and that, since the fire, it has repeatedly happened that patients, after receiving their warrants for admission, have been kept out two or three days, until, by death or convalescence, beds might be vacated for their reception. By crowding, the present hospital, says the Superintendent, "will accommodate 200 patients," whereas the experience of the past shows that there ought to be provided at least two beds for every 1,000 inhabitants. This would require for Chicago 800 beds,—just four times our present accommodations even by crowding our building. Moreover, Dr. Miller says the patients in our hospital get each not more than 900 cubic feet of air in breathing space, where, by the judgment of all students of hygiene, 2,000 feet is required.

Verily, unless we doubt the words of the Superintendent of Public Charities, we have upon us to-day no more crying need than for a new county hospital, and "Civilization" is justified in saying all the cutting things he does in his spirited letter of this morning.

But cannot this measure be accomplished as a step of real economy? Dr. Miller says the coming hospital must have abundance of land for an air-space around the building. Suppose we postpone the purchase of such a site five years; with the rapid growth of the city, the land will cost us then at least twice what it will to-day. Why not purchase a site, then, at once? Somebody says there is no money with which to do even this. But I am informed that the Reform School property may be sold for a large sum of money,—more than sufficient to purchase an eligible site for the hospital within the city limits. The Reform School lot will not grow in value at all comparable with the hospital site; so that, should it be sold five years hence, it will not pay for nearly as large a lot inside the city as it would if sold to-day. Why not sell it at once, and have the county own a large lot, airy, spacious, and beautiful, for the future hospital?

If these points are well taken, and the Department of Public Charities speaks the truth, then the County Commissioners are culpable if they do not move in this matter immediately. Yours, etc.,

ECONOMY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26, 1873.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE WAGNER CONCERT.

The Thomas Orchestra season closed last evening with the Wagner concert, and it was a fitting close to the admirable performances of this splendid organization. The Wagner concert is rather to be noticed as a notable event than to be criticised as a performance. The playing of this orchestra does not admit of criticism. It is too thoroughly drilled, too perfect in organization, and too mature in experience to come before an audience with any half-finished performances. The audience was a remarkably large one, considering that there was nothing on the programme but Wagner, and was largely composed of musicians and musical connoisseurs, who gave the music a careful and appreciative hearing, and rewarded the orchestra for its superb playing of the difficult numbers with enthusiastic applause, especially for the Vorspiel and Schlussatz from "Tristan and Isolde" and the supernatural "Ritt der Walkueren," in both of which the literally tremendous instrumentation was carried through in magnificent style. With such interpretations as the Thomas Orchestra give of Wagner's music, and with such a devoted and determined crusader as Thomas himself to fight the battles for the "music of the future," there is little doubt that it will become before long the music of the present. Mr. Osgood added greatly to the interest of this novel occasion by his fine rendering of two of Wagner's songs "Die Rose" and "Schlaf Ein," the first of which is an exquisite melody. As Wagner has written no music for the piano, Miss Mehlig played Chopin, and the change made an acceptable break in the programme. Her playing was marked by even more than her usual sentiment and delicacy of feeling, and was welcomed with the customary enthusiasm. It is safe to say that many converts were made to Wagner last evening, and it is only just to add that the orchestra never acquitted itself better, notwithstanding the intricate difficulties of the numbers. The orchestra will play in Madison this evening, and then goes to Milwaukee, where it will give the Milwaukeeans a taste of Wagner.

Counterfeiter Captured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 27.—During the hearing in the case of Gilbert, now incarcerated on a charge of counterfeiting, an intimation was dropped by one of the witnesses, which was followed up by the Assistant District Attorney, and which has led to the apprehension and arrest of "Boston Buck," an alleged notorious counterfeiter, as an accomplice of Gilbert. Officers worked up the case, and returned from Forest County yesterday, having Buck in custody. He was arrested in the mountains, twenty-six miles from Tionesta, and charged with manufacturing counterfeit coin. A set of moulds were found in a cave back of Gilbert's house, near Parker's Landing, with metal and various appliances used in the business. It is stated that there is susceptible proof that Buck aided Gilbert in manufacturing. The moulds are for ten, twenty-five, and fifty-cent coins. Buck was committed to jail for a hearing.

Bank Embezzlement.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Reports are current of a heavy embezzlement from the Lechmere National Bank, of East Cambridge, consisting of United States and other bonds.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The day in Wall street opened with considerable excitement and an uneasy feeling, but closed with a better tone and a marked recovery from the depression of yesterday. The reports circulated in the forenoon of the embarrassment of a prominent operator, understood to be the President of the Pacific Mail Company, caused a general calling of loans on him, and also a rapid delivery of stock to his principal broker at the Stock Exchange, amounting to millions of dollars, promptly, and gave unqualified assurance of ability to meet all contracts to mature. Not a single failure was reported, and an improved tone set in, closing quiet and steady.

Money was active and stringent during the greater part of the day, the rate ranging from 1-32 and interest to 3-16 and interest, with a few loans at ¼ per day; but there was a decided relaxation before 3 o'clock, and the rate declined to 1-32, then to 7 gold, and finally to 6 per cent currency, with 6@7 per annum as the closing figures.

Sterling was dull and heavy at 108½@109¼.

Gold declined from 114¾ to 114¾, but closed at 114¾@114¾. Loans 7 per cent to 3-64 for carrying. Clearings, $75,000,000. Treasury disbursements, $198,700. The bids for Government gold were about $4,000,000 at 114 10-64@114.77. The awards amounted to $1,500,000 at 114.63@114.77.

Governments were slightly easier and less active, but firm. Tennessee and South Carolinas were lower. Other

Railroad bonds were dull and heavy.

Stocks were active, but fluctuated throughout the day, with wide fluctuations, the changes being very violent than yesterday. The market opened quiet and feverish; some stocks advancing while others fell off from ½ to 1 per cent. This was subsequently recovered, and 2@3 per cent was the advance was more than the decline, the market closing very strong.

The Atlantic & Great Western Railroad having secured the Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland & Indianapolis Railway, for it is said, now quietly buying up the Chicago, Columbus & Indiana Central, which will give them a connection not only with Chicago, but other important points in the West and Northwest. The Hartford & Erie Directors to-day agreed upon a proposition not yet made public.

Daniel Drew was chosen President of the Quicksilver Company.

Sterling, 108¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	118½	Coupons, '67	116¾
5-20s of '62	115½	Coupons, '68	116¾
Coupons, '64	115½	10-40s	114¾
Coupons, '65	116½	Currency 6s	116¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	114½	New 6s	113¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	94¾	Virginias, old	48
Tennessees, new	80	North Carolinas, old	32
Tennessees, new	80	North Carolinas, new	17¾
Virginias, new	50		
STOCKS.			
Canton	100	St. Paul pfd	73¾
W. U. Tel	89½	Wabash	73¾
Quicksilver	43	Wabash pfd	94
Adams Express	94	Fort Wayne	93¾
Wells, Fargo	80	Terre Haute	10
American Express	56	Terre Haute pfd	40
United States Ex	71¾	Chicago & Alton	110¾
Pacific Mail	61¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	112
New York Central	103¾	Ohio & Mississippi	45¾
Erie	85¾	C., C. & C	93½
Erie pfd	93	C., R. I. & P	103
Harlem	129¾	Lake Shore	93¾
Harlem pfd	130	Indiana Central	40¾
Michigan Central	107¾	Illinois Central	125
Pittsburgh	89	Union Pacific stock	34¾
Northwestern	80¾	Union Pacific bonds	86¾
Northwestern pfd	89¾	Central Pacific bonds	103¾
Rock Island	113¾	Del. Lack. & Western	101
N. J. Central	103	L. S. & M. S	94
St. Paul	43½		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27—11 a. m.—Flour, 20s. Wheat—Winter, 12s 4d; spring, 11s 4d@12s 8d; white, 11s 9d@11s 10d; club, 12s 2d@12s. Corn, 29s@29s 3d. Pork, 74s 6d. Lard, 39s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27—1 p. m.—Market unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27—2 p. m.—Breadstuffs dull. Flour, 20s 6d@20s. Wheat—Winter, 12s 4d; spring, 11s 4d@12s 8d; white, 11s 9d@11s 10d; club, 12s 2d@12s. Corn, 29s@29s 3d. Pork, 74s 6d. Lard, 39s 6d.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Consols, money, 92¾; account, 92¾@92⅞. Erie, 15¾ @ 16¼; do ct '67, 93¾@93⅞; 10-40s, 89¾. New 5s, 90¾. Erie, 83¼.

The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £54,000.

The rate of money at the Stock Exchange on Government securities is 1 per cent lower than the bank rate.

Tallow, 42s 3d@43s 9d.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Rentes, 80f 35c.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 27.—Cotton dull; middling uplands, 9¾d; Orleans, 9¾@10d; sales, 10,000 bales; American, 5,000; speculation and export, 1,000.

Breadstuffs—California white wheat, average quality, 11s 8d@11s 9d; club, 12s 6d@12s 10d; red winter 12s 2d. Flour, 20s 6d@20s. Corn, 27s@28s 3d. Pork, 80s. Cumberland middles, 35s. Short ribs, 36s.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Beeves all day, and the butchers buy more freely, fearing blocked roads.

CATTLE—Yesterday and to-day 2,400, making 6,800 since Saturday, against 3,100 last week. Sales were quicker, and a shade better prices, but not enough to quote the advance. All fresh, and some stale, lots sold at 9¾@10¾c for Texans, 10¾@11¾c thin to medium natives, and 12c@13½c for fair to prime. Something extra would go higher. A drove of 1,000 pound Cherokees Gay sold at 10¾c. 90 lbs per cwt; 7 cars Illinois, 7 cwt, 11¾@11c; 2 cars Ohio, 7¾ cwt, 11¾@13½c; 4 cars Illinois, 8¾ cwt, 11¾c, 57 lbs.

SHEEP—To-day, 3,200, making 18,800 this week, against 14,300 last week. Trade is steady at uniform rates, only some thin culls at low prices. Quotations, 5¾@6c for poor, 6¾@7c for thinnish to medium, and 7¾@8c for good to prime; some extras, 8¾c; and 9¾c for a car of fine wool Shots, 113 lbs; 5c for a car of 107 lbs; 7c for a car of 83 lb Ohio; 5¾c for 2 cars culls, 64 lbs.

HOGS—Arrivals, 44 cars, making 21,000 since Saturday, against 24,700 last week. Market strong and fully ¼c advance. Live selling at 5¾@6c; city dressed, 6¾@7¾c; 7¾c for 200 lbs; Western dressed, 6¾@6¾c.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—Receipts, 476; total for the week, 5,094. Market slow and weak at yesterday's prices. Owners and holders remain firm at yesterday's decline, and most of the stock in the yards will probably be shipped East in first hands. About 800 were disposed of. Sales: 132 Illinois steers, 1,349@1,354 lbs, $5.40@5.60; 52 Ohio steers, 1,000@1,108 lbs, $4.45@4.70; 192 Indiana steers, 1,127@1,200 lbs, $5.25@5.50; 36 Indiana cows and heifers, 1,014 lbs, $3.75; 340 Missouri steers, 1,095@1,491 lbs, $4.87½@4.90; 20 Michigan steers, 960 lbs, $4.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,800; total for the week, 15,800. Market at a dead lock. No sales to record. The yards are full of sheep, and little prospect of agreement on prices.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,600; total for the week, 15,100. Market moderately active, at a slight advance on yesterday's prices. Sales: About 1,000 Illinois and Ohio hogs, at 160@163 lbs, at $5.40@5.50.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The stormy weather checked business with the jobbers to-day, but the commission houses were busy. Cotton goods were very brisk in first hands, and firm in price. Prints were active for chocolates, shirting stripes, and percales. Polka spot prints are getting into favor. Ginghams are in demand, and look upward. Renfrew and Bates makes have been marked up 1@1½c per yard in price. Foreign goods are quiet. Ribbons are selling freely at auction at advanced prices.

Pittsburgh Live Stock Market.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—CATTLE—Market fair; arrivals light; best, 6¼@6½c; stockers, 5¼@5½c; common, 3½@4c.

SHEEP—Market dull; arrivals heavy; best, 6¼@6¾c; medium, 5@5½c; common, 4@4½c.

HOGS—Market unchanged. Arrivals fair; Philadelphias, $5.70@5.90; Yorkers, $5.10@5.30.

Pittsburgh Oil Market.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—Crude petroleum panicky, and prices dull and lower. Sales at $2.10; decline caused by the withdrawal of Eastern buyers. Refined dull, and 5c lower on home and Eastern delivery.

The Produce Markets.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—COTTON—In moderate demand; middling uplands, 20¾c.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull; red, $1.06. Rye 68@68c. Corn very weak; yellow, 58@59c. Oats firm; white, 48@50c; mixed, 43½@47½c.

PROVISIONS—Firmer; old mess pork, $13.50; new, $14.50@14.75.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 13½c; refined, unchanged.

WHISKY—Dull at 91c.

BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat steady; red Western, $1.70@1.95; amber, $2.00@2.10. Corn nominal. Oats steady; mixed Western, 46@47c. Rye unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Quiet, with little offering, except at prices above the views of buyers. Mess pork, $15.25@15.50. Lard dull at 8¾c asked; 8c bid.

BUTTER—In better demand; choice Western, 30c.

WHISKY—Dull at 91c.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; No. 1, $1.38; No. 2, $1.30. Corn firm; No. 2, 35½c. Oats quiet; No. 2, 35½c. Rye dull and drooping; No. 1, 65c. Barley dull and nominal; No. 2, 74c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 brls; wheat, 45,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 300 brls; wheat, none.

CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet; city brands 25c lower. Wheat dull and nominal. Corn quiet and unchanged. Oats firm; No. 2, 41c, to arrive.

REFINED PETROLEUM—Quiet and unchanged.

DETROIT.

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and drooping; extra, $1.55; No. 1, $1.45@1.45½; amber, $1.46@1.47. Corn quiet; No. 2, 42c. Oats quiet and unchanged.

COAL—Nominal at $5.10@5.15.

SEED—Nominal at $5.10@5.15.

TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, Feb. —.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Red and lower; No. 1 white Michigan, $1.39; amber, $1.41; No. 2 red, $1.34; spot; $1.39 asked; April, $1.41; May, $1.45½; No. 3, $1.30. Corn dull and a shade lower; high mixed spot, 42c; seller May, 43½c; low mixed, 38½c; no grade, 37½c. Oats quiet and unchanged.

TIMOTHY SEED—$5.50@5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 brls; wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 12,000 bu; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 1,000 bu; wheat, 11,000 bu; corn, 24,000 bu; oats, 700 bu.

BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—Market generally inactive and heavy. Corn—Sales 21 cars at $5.12 on track.

LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 27.—FLOUR—Steady; extra family, $7.50.

TOBACCO—Active and firm; sales 970 hhds.

PROVISIONS—Steady; mess pork, $14.00. Bacon, bulk meats, and lard unchanged.

WHISKY—Steady at 91c.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—BREADSTUFFS—Corn firmer; white, 60c; yellow, 59c.

BEEF—$1.15@1.30.

HAY—Firmer; prime, $26.00; choice, $25.00@27.00.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt meats firmer at 6@7¼c. Sugar firmer at 7¼@8¼c@8¾c. Others unchanged.

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MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 27.

In the local money market there is nothing to be but little change from day to day now. There is a pretty fair supply of loanable funds, but the demand increases fast enough to keep the market tight. The demand, however, is largely speculative, and can be left unsupplied when necessary without much detriment to legitimate trade. A great deal of grain will change hands on speculation on the first of March, and many of those who expect to receive it have been making arrangements at the banks for money on Friday. This has made money temporarily tighter to-day, but it is not improbable that, after the 1st, it will be considerably easier again. The demand from the country for currency has also fallen off largely, and favors an easier condition.

Exchange is in abundant supply, and sold between banks to-day at 80c per $1,000 discount.

In the numerous suggestions in the New York papers as to the cause of the continued stringency in the money markets there, very little stress is laid upon the continually diminishing stock of specie held by the New York banks. On Feb. 15, 1871, the banks of that city held $24,707,637 of coin; on Feb. 17, 1872, they held $19,589,400. In 1873, they held $19,035,400 on Feb. 8; $16,461,000 on Feb. 15, and only $15,053,900 on Feb. 21. Specie is counted as part of the legal reserve of the New York banks, and the following table of exports of specie from the port of New York from Jan. 1 to Feb. 22, 1873, and for the corresponding periods of the preceding ten years, shows that there has been an unusual drain of money to Europe during the eight weeks to Feb. 22:

1873	$ 9,697,186
1872	2,128,565
1871	6,481,229
1870	4,350,363
1869	5,359,000
1868	11,502,115
1867	4,508,927
1866	2,295,009
1865	4,006,521
1864	8,067,534
1863	7,213,222

The price of gold has risen so gradually from an average of about 112⅝ in December, to an average of 114¼ for the months of February, that few persons have noted the importance of the change, but that it indicates a much more unfavorable condition of our foreign trade and foreign indebtedness, and that the tendency of the present is toward a still more unfavorable situation, there is no doubt.

The stringency in New York is doubtless, to some extent, artificial, being partly produced by the manipulations of the bears in the stock market, but there has also been a great drain of cash capital from that city to Europe, and New York is unquestionably much poorer in available funds than she was a year ago, or even six weeks ago. If this depletion of funds was in consequence of a movement of currency to market crops, it would not present so unfavorable an aspect, but it is apparent that this money has gone to Europe to pay the interest liabilities on American securities, and that it will not come back except in the shape of an increase of the loan, and a consequent increase of the interest liabilities next year. The extremely low rates for money in London are in strong contrast with the high ones in New York, and show that the general scarcity of money in the United States is not due to any general scarcity in the great money markets of the world, but that notwithstanding the general appearance of prosperity in this country, the tendency is in the reverse direction. Money is now so abundant in London that the foreign bull-drawers of New York are lending their credit to a large extent in the shape of sixty-day bills on London, which will be paid by the return to them of other bills, drawn, as these are, against no equivalent shipment of products. The whole operation is one of borrowing and carrying money on call or the London banks, and any return of stringency in the London market would at once cut off this temporary relief to the New York market, and make money more stringent in American markets generally than it has been for years. The situation is not a flattering one, and the prospect of an easier money market is not very promising. Should there ensue a active demand in England for American breadstuffs this spring, it may ameliorate the condition of the money market, but the fact that since Sept. 1, 1872, we have already sent forward to Europe 1,544,265 bales of cotton, against 1,286,808 in the same period of that crop, and that notwithstanding we had a crop that marketed a fourth more cotton than we did last year, it has not made the money market easy, shows that but little relief can be expected from the export of the less important article of breadstuffs.

THE RAILROAD-BUILDING BUSINESS.

The amount of capital invested in appliances and machinery for railroad building in the West has become so great that it has, in a measure, compelled the owners of it to offer inducements for the building of more railroads on terms that are ultimately the cause of the failure of the contractors. Only a few months ago a large railroad-building firm, having their works at Chesterton, in Porter County, Ohio, failed because the companies for whom they had been building roads could not market bonds in Europe. The recent failure of the firm of Wood, Moss & Co., of Pittsburgh, one of the oldest iron-manufacturing concerns in the West, was from a similar cause. It appears that the firm had a number of extensive contracts for railroad iron, and in payment therefor were satisfied with notes with unusually long time to run, so long, indeed, that the banks declined to discount the paper. This action brought about a crisis, for a few days ago a considerable amount of the paper of the firm went to protest, and their business consequently was interrupted. The total estimate of the liabilities of the firm has not been precisely ascertained, but the supposition is that they will reach $2,250,000. The paper which they have in their possession foots up to something over $1,900,000, and their other debts to over $400,000. The assets of the Company are alleged to be ample to cover all liabilities. The firm own some very valuable property, consisting of four blast furnaces, a rolling and rail mill at Wheatland Station, on the Pittsburgh & Erie Railroad; the Eagle Iron Works, in South Pittsburgh, a vast concern, which, together with the stock, &c., are valued in the aggregate at $3,500,000.

The enormous amount of capital invested in the plants of these great railroad-building firms is the necessity of finding further occupation for it in the same line, has doubtless contributed to stimulate the building of railroads in parts of the West where neither the present population nor the prospective immigration will justify the consummation of the roads.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

The following amendment has been received the signature of the President, and becomes a part of the Bankrupt law, within the past week:

That it was the true intent and meaning of an act approved June 8, 1872, entitled "An act to amend an act approved March 2, 1867, to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 3, 1873, "that the exemptions allowed the bankrupt by the said amendatory act should, and it is hereby declared to be, such exemptions as are allowed by the constitution and laws of each State respectively as existing in the year 1871; and that such exemptions be valid against debts contracted before the adoption and passage of such State constitution and laws as well as debts contracted after the same, and against liens by judgment or decree of the State Court, any decision of any such court rendered since the adoption and passage of the constitution and laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
6s of '68	114½	115
6s of '69	115½	115¾
6s of '70	114¾	114¾
7s of '69, Jan. and July	114¾	114¾
7s of '69, Jan. and July	114¾	116¼
10s of '69	114¾	114¾
U. S. 5s (Over Issue), 1st int.	113¼	113¾
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	103	103½
Chicago 7s	99¾	99¾ int.
Cook County 7s	99¾	99¾ int.
Illinois, County Treasury 10s	96	97
Sterling Exchange (large drafts)	109¼-110	
Gold Exchange	114¾	
Gold and Gold Coupons	114¾	114¾

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Feb. 27:

CITY PROPERTY.

Dearborn st, bet Scully and Jane sts, e f, 25x125½ ft, dated July 27, 1872; consideration, $1,650.

North av, s of Taylor st, e f, 50x100 ft, dated Feb. 12; consideration, $1,100.

Lot 23, in Block 4 of Millard & Decker's e ½ of s ½ of n w ¼ Sec 28, 39, 13, dated Sept. 5, 1872; consideration, $600.

Lot 22, and s 10 ft of Lot 23, of s 2 acres of Block 6 of W ½ Sec 6, 39, 14, dated Dec. 31, 1872; consideration, $775.

North Water st, bet Rush and Pine sts, s f. Lot 2 and s 23 ft of Lot 3, dated Jan. 31; consideration, $21,600.

West Lake st, n of and near Loomis st, s f. Lots 3 and 4, with improvements, dated Feb. 20; consideration, $12,000.

Description not given in full of Block 26, W ½, 20x125 ft, dated Feb. 27; consideration, $450.

Howard st, 277 ft w of Loomis st, n f, 24x124 ft, dated Feb. 27; consideration, $625.

Loomis st, 46 ft s of Howard st, s f, 24x100 ft, dated Feb. 14; consideration, $1,025.

Loomis st, 24 ft s of Howard st, e f, 24x100 ft, dated Feb. 14; consideration, $1,100.

Clark st, s of North av, e f, 24x125 ft, dated Feb. 19; consideration, $1,200.

Mohawk st, w of and near North st, s f, 26x125 ft, with improvements, dated Dec. 20, 1872; consideration, $1,400.

West Twelfth st, s w cor of Robey st, 10 acres, dated Feb. 27; consideration, $80,000. Wm. B. Towzebury to Ira Holmes.

Noble st, 225 ft s of Noble st, n f, 24x110 ft, dated Feb. 8; consideration, $1,700.

Eleventh st, s of and near Aberdeen st, s f, 21½ ft, dated Feb. 24; consideration, $900.

Ambrose st, s w cor of Wood st, n f, 162x100 ft, dated Feb. 17; consideration, $4,000.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Hoard st, 330ft W of Hoyne st, s f, 24x125 ft, dated Oct. 31, 1871; consideration, $300.

West ½ of Block 11, in Stone & Whitney's Subdivision, in Sec 6, 38, 14, dated Dec. 21, 1871; consideration, $7,500.

Lots 23 to 34, in Block 3 of Jennings' Subdivision in s w ¼ of Sec 10, 38, 14, dated Feb. 13; consideration, $8,229.

Lots 5 to 12, in Block 8 of n ½ n w ¼ Sec 3, 38, 14, dated Aug. 12, 1872; consideration, $50,000.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 27.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	5,300	3,450	3,721	3,627
Wheat, bu	35,480	2,733	9,415	5,734
Corn, bu	134,573	49,995	3,753	10,314
Oats, bu	36,730	9,040	19,426	19,259
Rye, bu	3,294	1,830	800	800
Barley, bu	12,590	5,700	12,932	9,580
Grass seed, lbs	79,920	103,070	221,880	142,086
Flax seed, lbs			26,440	
Broom corn, lbs	115,410	35,310	55,878	
Cured meats, lbs	323,000	36,920	3563,516	1149,021
Beef, brls		46	205	195
Pork, brls		191	1,109	105
Lard, lbs	322,000	100,350	504,000	650,994
Tallow, lbs	28,630	11,260		41,600
Butter, lbs	49,990	35,105	11,800	9,100
Cheese, lbs	1,393	831	1,200	697
Eggs, doz	9,170	10,161	2,343	1,256
Cattle, No	2,125	2,429	781	1,083
Sheep, No	3,583	1,655	839	299
Hides, lbs	63,526	29,445	18,080	38,584
Highwines, brls	200	456	150	456
Wool, lbs	35,292	63,698	22,000	3,724
Potatoes, bu	2,016	600		
Lumber, M feet	218	718	1,036	485
Shingles, M	160	220	1,295	297
Lath, M		140	35	19
Salt, brls	75	145	100	1,965

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 2,985 bu wheat; 1,855 bu corn; 712 bu oats; 1,301 bu rye; 5,841 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 137 cars wheat; 151 cars corn; 40 cars oats; 8 cars rye; 26 cars barley. Total, 346 cars, or 138,000 bu.

OUR GRAIN INSPECTION.

Since the publication of our article on State grain inspection, in THE TRIBUNE of Tuesday last, a great many cases have been reported, all of which tend to prove the miserable status of our grain inspection, and the urgent necessity that exists for a radical change. It matters little to the inquiry whether the chief Inspector, or certain of his subordinates, or the system itself, be most to blame; but it would be more pleasant to believe that the fault lies principally in the system—as we indicated two days ago. It is perhaps unnecessary to specify individual cases in which the same grain has been inspected as No. 3 at one house, and as rejected at another, on the same day; or of two car loads of grain loaded from the same bin, and absolutely equal in quality, being assigned to two separate grades by one inspector, on the same day. Nor need we do more than refer to the fact that the fancy corner in wheat was radically affected by the inspection of vast quantities of wheat as No. 2 which ought to have been graded as No. 3 or rejected. The numerous cases that have been reported since Tuesday morning not only prove that a change is needed, but prove, also, the truth of our statement that if no complaints were made it was only because the parties injured saw no hope of redress.

But the abolition of the State inspection of grain may be advocated on still lighter grounds than that of individual wrong. It is a general wrong, as being an unwarrantable interference by the State with business that does not concern it. As we have before stated, the grading of grain is simply an artificial classification made in this city for the convenience of parties handling the grain here; the distinction is not made in dealing with the farmer who grows the grain, and is various in large part when the grain leaves this city. Hence the grading is a matter which should be left entirely to the men who own it here, or their representatives. No one also has any right to interfere, or claim legislative or judicial interference, unless he can show that his rights of property are being infringed upon by the parties who control such inspection.

It has been claimed that a clause in the Constitution of the United States concedes to a State the right to make charges on property passing through it, such charges being limited to those necessary to defray the cost of inspection. But it is questionable if any State has a right thus conferred to inspect such property for any other than sanitary purposes. At present the State of Illinois imposes charges for grain inspection which are now nearly twenty times its character, and is voted to be unjust by nineteen-tenths of the people who own the property that is thus inspected whether they will or not. Beyond this, however, the State charges for this unwanted inspection are made to cover the cost of registration of grain receipts, which the Constitution of the United States certainly does not authorize. The State might, perhaps, claim to be justified in assuming the right to inspect the grain grown in this State; but a large part of the grain annually received in this city is grown in other States, and comes here to find a market. Has the State a right to exact fees on the grain that is grown in Iowa, that passes through Chicago on its way to still other States on the seaboard? If not, then at least the State is not justified in exacting fees for the inspection of grain *out* of store when it is being sent away from this city; and this right has been contested by several grain-owners, who persistently refuse to pay such fees.

Suppose, however, that the right of the State to that interference should be conceded. There would still remain the grave fact that the grain trade of Chicago is suffering from the system in a way which would quickly ruin Milwaukee, and may prove the death of the business in this city if it be unwisely persisted in. That the State inspection of grain has proved a failure is conceded by all those who have operated in grain under it, and the peculiar disastrous features can scarcely be removed in any other way than by cutting off the tail close behind the ears. The inspection and registration of grain in this city could be performed much more efficiently by the Board of Trade than by the State; and ought to be abandoned by the State, unless it be retained as a special spite against Chicago.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

There was only a moderate business transacted in the leading articles of produce to-day, and some of them were quiet almost to inactivity. There was not much change in prices, except that wheat was lower. Our receipts of produce were rather light this morning, and it is probable that they will be below the average for several days to come, the weather in mill vicinity being favorable for milling.

The unfavorable weather did not cause any apparent diminution in the demand for groceries, a large business being transacted in the leading staples, while the movement in side goods was quite as liberal as on the preceding days of the week. Values were generally reported steady and firm. Dry goods also met with a good inquiry, interior merchants, as well as local retailers, ordering freely. Prices were not subjected to any material fluctuation, quotations being the same as on yesterday. Butter was more quiet than for the previous few days past, but was none the less firm, holders refusing to effect sales at any concession from former rates. The canned goods trade was slack. A goodly number of orders were placed, but the severe weather prevented any movement. Cheese was quiet for the same reason. Coal met with a good inquiry at the quotations, or at $12.00 for Lackawanna, $10.50 for Erie, $10.00 for Blossburg, and $6.50@7.00 for Wilmington. There was little doing in the hay market, the demand being largely restricted to meeting current local wants. Hides were fairly active, while leather was dull. Oils were generally firm, carbon being the only notable exception.

There was no change in the condition of the lumber markets. Orders from the interior are small, and the storm this morning interferes with the house trade. The inquiry for metals, iron, and nails, continues moderate, former prices being sustained. Cooperage and building materials were quiet and unchanged. Wool remains dull and unsettled. Seeds were quiet. Timothy is quotable at $3.00@3.40; clover at $5.00@5.25 for fair to choice ordinary, and $5.75 for mammoth. Other kinds were steady. Broom corn was without new features; the usual inquiry for the better qualities exists, former prices being adhered to.

Poultry was in good request, and choice lots were firm, being very scarce. Eggs were plenty, and salable at 20@22c. Green fruits were in light local demand. Sicily oranges are lower; otherwise there was no change in prices.

Highwines were quiet and steady at the decline noted yesterday. Sales was reported of 100 brls at 85½c per gallon; and 450 brls were sold last evening at the same price.

Lake freights were quiet and steady at 12½c for corn to Buffalo, at which rate one vessel was chartered. The market is generally quoted at 12½@13c.

Dressed hogs were quiet and easier, shippers leaving the market, when they found that the receipts were light—only 1,333 head. The material ranged at $5.50@5.65 per 100 lbs for heavy to light, but nothing that was not choice found purchasers. Sales are limited to 60 head at $5.65; 100 at $5.62½; 258 at $5.60. Total, 418 head.

Provisions were less active, with very little change in prices. Mess pork was the most active article, being in fair demand, and was generally held a shade higher, which fact tended to restrict trade, as buyers would not concede an advance. Lard was freely offered, and not much wanted, hence a trifle easier. Meats were quiet and steady. There was a good deal of country product on the market, which tended to make prices easier, especially as the chief demand was for pork to fill options. It was rumored that some large lots of country meats were sold which were not reported. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $11.12½@11.20; do seller April, $13.40@13.45; do seller May, $13.70@13.75; prime mess, $11.75@12.00; extra prime, $9.50@9.75. Lard, cash, or seller March, $7.55@7.57½; do seller April, $7.80; do seller May, $8.00. Green hams at 9¼@9½c for 16-lb averages, and 8¾@8¾c for 18-lb averages. Sweet pickled hams 1@1¼c above the prices of green. Green shoulders, 5c; do short ribs, 6¼c; do short clear, 6¾c; dry salted meats quotable at 4¾@4¾c for shoulders; 8¾c for long clear; 8¾@8¾c for short ribs, and 6¾@6¾c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 4½@5c. English meats, 6¾@6¾c for Cumberlands; 6¾@6¾c for short ribs; 7c for short clear; 12@12½c for long cut hams. Bacon is quoted at 5¾c for shoulders, 7¾c for clear ribs, 8c for short clear, and 11@13c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.50@9.00; extra mess do, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $28.00@29.50. City tallow, 7¼@7¾c; grease quotable at 5¼@6¾c. Sales were reported of 65 brls mess pork (choice) at $13.25; 500 brls do seller March at $13.15; 750 brls do seller April at $13.45; 1,000 brls do at $13.40; 1,000 brls do seller May at $13.75; 1,000 brls do seller May at $13.75; 250 brls do at $13.70; 500 do do seller March at $7.57½; 250 tcs do seller May at $7.95; 100 tcs sweet pickled hams (18 lbs) at 10¾c; 150 tcs do at 10c; 13,000 pcs dry salted hams on private terms; 100 tcs sweet pickled shoulders at 5¾c; 200,000 lbs shoulders at 4¾c; 50 boxes do at 4¾c; 140 boxes Cumberland at 6¾c; 200 boxes short ribs at 7c; 200 boxes do at 6¾c; 200 boxes short clear, seller last half March, at 7½c; 50 tcs bacon hams, canvassed, at 12½c.

Flour was dull and unchanged. There was very little demand, owing to the further weakness in wheat and a reported decline of 6d per brl in Liverpool, with a corresponding drooping tendency in New York. But our holders generally obtained former prices for what they did sell. Bran was steady. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras on private terms; 50 brls spring extras (Minn.) at $7.17½; 100 brls do (Minn.) at $7.50; 100 brls do (Menominee) at $6.75; 100 brls do (Northwest) at $6.75; 50 brls do at $6.00; 200 brls do on private terms; 70 brls superfine at $5.00; 100 brls do at $4.62½; 100 brls do at $4.50; 25 brls rye on private terms. Total, 945 brls. Also 20 tons bran at $10.00 on track. The following were the closing quotations:

Fair to choice white winter extra	$ 8.00@10.50
Red winter extras	7.00@ 8.00
Good to choice spring extras	6.25@ 7.25
Low to medium	5.25@ 6.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.25@ 7.25
Spring superfines	3.50@ 5.00
Rye flour	4.65@ 4.75
Buckwheat flour	4.50@ 5.25
Bran, sacked	10.00@11.00
Middlings	11.00@15.00

Wheat was moderately active, and irregular, at an average decline of about ½c per bu. Liverpool was quoted lower, and New York was weak and unsettled, which brought out numerous sellers, particularly of parties who either were not able or willing to carry over the wheat they expect to receive on Saturday on the option of seller March. This made trade active, and enabled several of the short operators, who have been bearing the market for two or three days past, to cover at a liberal profit. Our stocks are still increasing, and the buying and selling is little more than a mere changing of hands, as there is but little wheat held by parties who intend to ship it out, and none are purchasing for that purpose now, so far as known. Seller March opened at $1.13¾, declined to $1.13⅝, advanced to $1.19¾, and closed at $1.19¼. Seller April sold at $1.21¾@1.21⅝, closing at $1.21¾; and seller May at $1.26@1.27. Seller the month, cash, No. 2 spring, sold at $1.13⅝@1.19⅜, closing at $1.19⅜. No. 2 spring was nominal at $1.26@1.27. No. 3 spring closed firm at $1.06¾, and rejected do at 90@94c, according to location. Cash sales were reported of 10,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.19¾; 16,600 bu do at $1.19¼; 19,800 bu do at $1.19¾; 78,800 bu do at $1.19; 1,000 bu do at 1.19⅛; 5,600 bu do at $1.19¾; 15,600 bu No. 3 spring at $1.06¾; 2,400 bu do at 90¼c; 800 bu rejected spring (Central) at 94c; 6,800 bu do at 90½c; 800 bu do at 90c. Total, 163,200 bu.

Corn was active, and firm at the quotations of yesterday, being in good demand by parties who were reported to be buying for the purpose of loading vessels now at this city. They can be moved round to the elevators. This caused a discontinuation of ¼@⅜c per bushel in favor of fresh receipts, which was most welcome to the holders. New York was dull; but there was a fair movement in options, and our receipts of this morning were less voluminous than the recent average, which tended to strengthen prices. Seller March, or seller May, and No. 2 were the fresh receipts at 31½@31¾c; seller April at 31¾@31½c; seller May at 35⅛@35¼c; seller June at 37¼@37½c, and seller July at 39¼c; all closing steady. Cash sales were reported of 33,400 bu No. 2 at 31¾c; 30,800 bu do at 31¼c; 80,000 bu do at 31½c; 40,000 bu do at 31c; 5,000 bu rejected (Central) at 29½c; 6,000 bu do at 27½c; 2,800 bu shelled at 30c on track. Total, 250,800 bu.

Oats were less active, and a shade easier, being generally dull, though reported stronger in New York. The demand was chiefly for car lots, which sold at 25¾@25¾c, while regular was at 25½c. Seller March was quoted at 25¾@25¾c; seller April at 26¼@26¾c, and seller May at 27½c. Cash sales were reported of 1,900 bu No. 2 at 25¾c; 1,900 bu do at 25½c; 600 bu rejected at 23¾c; 2,400 bu do at 23½c; 1,800 bu do at 23c; 600 bu white, by sample at 32c on track. Total 18,000 bu.

Rye was very quiet, but ½c higher, being in light demand, with almost none offering, as holders think there was no good reason for the recent decline. Sales were restricted to 800 bu No. 2 at 54c.

Barley was dull and ¼@1c lower, there being no shipping demand, and considerable anxiety to sell for delivery next month, the option of seller March sold at 69@69¾c; regular demand was dull at 69¾@69¾c; and car lots on the houses at 70@71¾c. No. 3 was nominal, and in nearly all houses; but both grades were entirely stool that Rosh Hodgkins accepts for Nos. 2 and 3 will be delivered. Others are not specificated. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 2 (A. D. & Co.) at 71¾c; 400 bu do at 71¢; 2,400 bu do at 70c; 3,600 bu do at 70¾c; 1,600 bu do at 69½c; 1,200 bu No. 3 (Central and C. D. & Co.) at 68c; 400 bu (Central) at 62c; 1,200 bu do at 58c; 800 bu do at 57c; 400 bu rejected (Central) at 56c; 400 bu do at 45c; 800 bu do at 44c; 5,000 bu do at 40c; 400 bu by sample at 75c; 400 bu do at 80c on track; 1,200 bu do at 72c del. Total, 21,000 bu.

Gilsel A. Smith & Co., of London, quote iron rails: Erie sections at 225@230s per ton, free on board in Wales; Welsh bars at 225s do; pig iron at 135s per ton, free on board in Glasgow; tin plate, coke I C at 34@36s per box, free on board in London; and quicksilver at 250@260s per bottle of 75 lbs, in London.

The commission charged with the duty of rewarding the inventor of the best appliance for steam navigation on the New York canals, have reported, and ask for further time. They say:

It will be seen by the Engineer's report that a number of boats have actually entered for the contest, and that a portion of them have accomplished very gratifying results, which seem to indicate that great progress has been and can be made toward solving the problem of cheap steam navigation.

The safety, integrity, and certainty of the channel, in the election of cheap transportation for trade, will prove of great value, as well as a source of just pride to the people of this State. But the report of the Engineer will show that the boats that have made the best records did not finish the experimental trips required until the month of November, near the close of navigation, which terminated the 30th of November, leaving no time or opportunity for the further tests and trials under the personal supervision of the Commissioners, which were considered absolutely necessary to justify a decision.

The Commissioners ask the time allowed by law (1 year) be extended to the 1st of December, 1873, as the time already allowed, has not been sufficient to enable the Commission to complete the duty prescribed by adding to a final decision upon the matters before them.

In the opinion of the Commissioners, the conclusions arrived at by the Engineer in his report, herewith submitted, not only justify further investigation, but present strong reasons why the State should not now abandon the effort to make the principal power used on our canals.

LATER.

In the afternoon, wheat was active and ¼c higher. No. 2 spring sold at $1.19¼@1.19⅜ seller March, closing at $1.19¼; and $1.21¾@1.21⅝ seller April, closing at $1.21¾. Corn was quiet and steady at 31¾c seller March, and 31¾@31½c seller April. Other grains and provisions were unchanged.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 27.

ALCOHOL—Was quiet and 1c lower, owing to a depressed situation. We now quote 94 per cent proof at $1.79@1.80.

BROOM CORN—The general features of the market are the same. Makers and local dealers are buying of the better qualities in a small way, but common and crooked corn is very dull. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6@6¼c per lb; No. 1 stock hurl, 5@5½c; No. 2 do, 4¼@4½c; No. 3 do, 3@3½c; inside grass, 3½c; do red tip, 3@3½c. There is not much activity in the butter trade to-day, but the market is very firm at full former rates. Receipts were light and barely equalled the demand. Following are the quotations: Common to choice roll, 22@25c; strictly choice dairy, packed, 26@28c; medium to good, 20@24c; inferior to common, 16@18c.

BAGGING—Dealers report a steadily fair movement in grain bags at full prices, but other goods in the list are quiet and easy. We quote: Stark, 9½c; Lewiston, 24½c; American, 23c; Amoskeag, 23c; Otter Creek, 24c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 29@ 32½c; gunnies, single, 17½@18½c; do double, 29 @30c; Conestoga, 40c.

BEANS—Pair to choice grades were in moderate request. The offerings are liberal, but consist mostly of poor to medium grades. We report: Navies at $2.60@ 2.65; hand-picked do, $2.75@2.80; common do, $2.50@ 2.60; Lima, $3.25@3.50; Canada, $2.50@2.60; Lexington, $2.15; American, $2c; Amoskeag, 33c; Otter Creek, 24c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 29@ 32½c; gunnies, single, 17½@18½c; do double, 29 @32½c; Conestoga, 40c.

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BUILDING MATERIALS—Were dull and nominally unchanged. We quote: Stucco, $1.50@2.15; New York plastering hair, $2.50; Portland cement, $3.50@4.00; Rosendale cement, $2.25@2.50; Utica cement, $2.00 per bbl; Louisville cement, $2.00; Akron cement, $2.00; marble dust, $4.25@4.50; lime in bulk, $1.00@1.10; lime (brls), $1.35@1.50; per bbl; white sand, per brl, $2.50; plastering hair, per lb, 3@3½c; fire brick, per 1,000, $40.00@90.00; building brick (common), $16.00@11.00; sewer brick, $12.00@13.00; country brick, $12.00. Wooden hydrants, present rate at $75.00 per 100; 8-in Douglas-added hydrants, $60.00; 6-in do, $50.00; Milwaukee, $35.00, del.; Racine, $30.00, del.; Hiladale, $25.00, del; fire clay, per brl, $4.50@5.00. The following is the list of prices per box of 50 feet for domestic window glass, from which a reduction of 40 and 5 per cent is made to dealers:

	First quality.	Double strength.
6x 8 to 7x 9	$ 2.75	$ 3.00
7x10 to 8x10	2.75	3.00
8x11 to 10x13	3.25	10.00
8x14 to 10x15	8.00	12.00
10x14 to 12x16	7.75	14.00
12x18 to 16x20	9.25	16.00
14x22 to 18x24	10.00	18.00
16x22 to 18x30	11.00	19.00
18x24 to 24x30	14.00	24.00
26x28 to 24x36	14.00	24.00
26x34 to 26x40	15.00	26.00
28x38 to 28x44	16.00	28.00
30x40 to 30x50	18.00	30.00
30x52 to 32x52	19.00	30.00
32x54 to 34x56		42.50
36x50 to 40x60		45.00

CANNED GOODS AND PICKLES—There were liberal orders on the market, for this line of goods, but the severe weather prevented shipments, and business was mainly of a local character. Prices remain firm as given below:

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, 2 lb	$ 1.85@ 2.00
Peaches, 3 lb	2.85@ 3.20
Pears, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Plums, damsons, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Green gages and egg, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Pine apple	2.75@ 3.00
Strawberries, 2 lb	2.50@ 2.75
Raspberries	2.50@ 2.75
Blackberries, 2 lb	2.25@ 2.50
Gooseberries, 2 lb	2.25@ 2.50
Tomatoes, 2 lb	2.15@ 2.25
Tomatoes, 3 lb	2.50@ 2.70
Corn, Edgin	2.00@ 2.20
Corn, Boston Harbor	2.65@ 2.85
Corn, Yarmouth	2.90@ 3.05
Peas, 2 lb, pod	2.15@ 2.20
Peas, 2 lb, soaked	1.60@ 1.65
Lima beans, 2 lb	2.00@ 2.25
Succotash, 2 lb	2.50@ 2.75
Lobster, 2 lb	3.40@ 3.50
Lobster, 1 lb	2.00@ 2.10
Oysters, 2 lb	3.25
Oysters, 1 lb	1.90@ 1.30

PICKLES.

Small, brls, 2,250 per pkg	$16.50@11.50
Small, ½ brls, 1,100 per pkg	8.50@ 9.00
Medium, brls, 1,200 per pkg	8.50@ 4.50
Medium, ½ brls, 600 per pkg	5.25@ 5.75
Large, brls, 600 per pkg	7.50@ 8.50
Large, ½ brls, 300 per pkg	4.75@ 5.25
1s (1 gallon), per kegs	3.75@ 4.25
In 5 gall. kegs, per keg	2.75@ 3.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), qts	3.75@ 4.25
Chow Chow (Harvey), pts	2.50@ 3.00
Chow Chow (C. & B.), qts	6.50@ 7.00
Chow Chow (C. & B.), pts	3.75@ 4.00

MAPLE SUGAR.

Pure, ¼ gall. cans, per doz	$ 9.00@10.00
Pure, quart cans, per doz	5.50@ 6.00
Extra golden, ¼ gall. cans, per doz	6.50@ 7.00
Extra golden, quart cans, per doz	4.00@ 4.50
Sugar, Palmetto, per lb	10@10½c

Prices are as follows: Pure, 1 gall cans, per doz, $9.00@10.00; do, ½ gall cans, per doz, $5.50@6.00; do, quart cans, per doz, $4.00@4.50; Extra golden, ¼ gall cans, per doz, $6.50@7.00; do, quart cans, per doz, $4.00@4.50; Sugar, Palmetto, per lb, 10@10½c.

MOLASSES—Was firm and unchanged. We quote: Sugar-house syrup, 45@48c; extra do, 50@55c; fancy, 60@65c; New Orleans, choice, 60@65c; fair to good, 50@55c; rough, 45@50c; Muscovado, choice, 50@55c; common molasses, 30 @40c.

SALERATUS—Cannot be had, 6¼@10c.

STARCH—Kingsford, 7½@8c; Silver, 7½@8c; Gloss, 7½@8c; canada, 6@6½c; pepper, 25@27c; autumn, $1.25@1.50; ginger, pure, 25@30c; Si No. 1, 20@25c; do No. 2, 18 @20c.

SOAPS—French mottled, 6¼@6½c; German mottled, 7¾@8c; Golden West, 6@6½c; White Lily, 6¼@6½c; White Rose, 8¾@9c; brown Windsor, 6¼@6½c; palm, 6@6½c; Satin Imperial, 8¾@9c.

STARCH—Corn, 9½; Jelly; corn, 9@10c; laundry, 6@ 7c common, 5¼@6.

HAY—In this market only a limited amount of trading was done, undercutting mostly from our local cars. Sales of 20 cars were reported at $15.00@16.00 per ton, cars to contain 10,000 lbs. Our Track—Timothy, better grades, $16.00@17.00; timothy, lower grades, $15.00@16.00; prairie, $12.00@15.00; Chicago River, $11.00@12.00; Illinois River, $11.00@13.00; Missouri River, $11.00@13.00; Kansas River, $11.00@13.00; Nebraska River, $11.00@13.00; Colorado River, $11.00@13.00. For delivery of pressed, $1.00@1.50, according to distance.

HIDES—Continue to move on a liberal scale at the advanced range of prices: Green butchers', 7c; green salted, cured, heavy, 10½; do light, 11¼c; part cured, 9¾@10¼c; green frozen, 9@9½c; green calf, 17c; green city veal hip, prime, 14c; dry salted, 16@16½c; dry flint, 26c; dry salted, 20c; dry Texas, 18c; damaged, 15@16c; deacons, 40@45c; damaged stock two-thirds price; branded, 10 per cent off.

HONEY—Was dull. We nominally quote: Choice white comb, 28@30c; fair to good, 26@28c; strained and common, 15@18c.

HOPS—There has been rather more inquiry, and a little better feeling prevails, under a slight increased firmness in the New York market. But few sales have been made, however, and prices are without quotable change

THE EXPOSITION.

Annual Meeting of the Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

The Members Interviewed by the Exposition Committee.

They Will Co-operate to Make It a Grand Success.

The fifth annual meeting of the Woolen Manufacturers' Association of the West and South was held at the Gardner House yesterday. The President, George S. Bowen, occupied the Chair. Very few persons were present at the morning session, the trains not arriving till after 11 o'clock.

THE CHAIRMAN SAID

where two or three were gathered together and the right spirit prevailed, good would result. It was the custom of the Association to meet once a year. The fire and other occurrences has prevented a large attendance at the last two conventions. He had hoped the present meeting would be well attended as an important matter was under consideration in the city. A meeting of citizens and manufacturers of Chicago had been called, and a committee would meet with the Association in the afternoon, with the view of making arrangements for the holding of the Exposition about the 1st of October next. He was confident the manufacturers of cotton and woolen fabrics, all over the country, would become interested in the project.

LETTERS READ.

The Secretary, Mr. Schooley, then read letters from several members of the Association who were unable to be present. Mr. D. J. Morrill, of Johnstown, Pa., wrote that engagements prevented him from coming. He approved of the organization, and saw no reason why there should not be perfect co-operation between the cotton and woolen manufacturers in all matters in which their interests were identical. There should be a central organization, as great good would be accomplished. He trusted that arrangements would be made by which the producers of textiles would be represented at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. The time was too short for a creditable display at Vienna. Cyrus Elder, Secretary of the Industrial League, hoped the meeting would be profitable, and that the Association would increase its strength and prosperity.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Gross, of Tiffin, Ohio, moved that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The motion was agreed to, and the Chairman announced as the Committee, Messrs. Gross, Monroe, and Brown.

Mr. Gross remarked that many of the manufacturers were not as enthusiastic as formerly. The past year had been a particularly unprofitable one for all. He had taken a deep interest in the Association from its inception; it originated in Chicago, and he should like to see it continued, being willing to do all in his power to further its interests.

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The Committee above mentioned were instructed to take cognizance of both matters, and report in the afternoon.

The Association then adjourned until 3 o'clock. Upon reassembling, the President being absent, Mr. Gross was elected temporary Chairman.

OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

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THE SAME COMMITTEE

also submitted the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Association has learned of the death of Daniel Hill, Corresponding Secretary of the Association, and

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Resolved, That this Association in convention assembled do express its heartfelt sorrow at the sudden death of Mr. Hill, and extend its sympathy to his bereaved family.

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The by-laws were ordered to be amended in accordance with the report.

A CONFERENCE.

Mr. Brown stated that the Committee appointed at the Jackson Hall meeting, on Wednesday night, were waiting to have a conference with the Association in regard to the Exposition. He moved that a committee be appointed to invite them to come into the room.

The motion was agreed to, and the Chair selected Messrs. Goodell and Brown.

These two gentlemen left the room, and in five minutes returned with Messrs. Nolan, Coolbaugh, Gage, Taylor, Bradley, and Crane, of the Committee, who were introduced to the woolen manufacturers.

The manufacturers and Committee then held a joint meeting, Mr. Brown being elected Chairman. He apologized for the small number of manufacturers present; the time was inopportune, and the weather bad. Invitations had been sent to all the woolen manufacturers in the West and South, and he felt confident the result would be satisfactory. He was pleased to see such an Exposition in Chicago next fall. Many favorable responses had been received, the writers declaring that they would send lines of goods, and do all they could to make it interesting and successful.

Mr. Nolan said the Committee had expected to have some definite proposition made by the woolen manufacturers.

MR. GOODALE

spoke of the Cincinnati exhibition, and said the first one was such a success that it was determined to erect permanent buildings for similar yearly exhibitions. He presumed the manufacturers of the West would cheerfully join in the Chicago Exposition. As a general thing, it was not practicable to attend Expositions, and he thought, if the one in this city became fixed, manufacturers should be allowed to sell the goods displayed. If this was done, they would be stimulated, and take great interest in it.

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Mr. Brown had no doubt that the manufacturers would send such a magnificent contribution of fabrics as would astonish the people of Chicago.

Mr. Gage supposed cars would have to be exercised in regard to time, so that the Chicago Exposition would not conflict with those in other cities. It seemed to him they were not going to work in the right direction. There might be a difference of views in respect to the kind of Exposition contemplated. The Committee was appointed, as he understood, to determine what should be said to the woolen manufacturers, and to decide whether a building should be erected in the city to accommodate textile fabrics, or a large one elsewhere to include the agricultural interests. To carry out the idea of the Mayor, those could not be ignored. To erect a building of any description for the purpose would require a large sum of money. Whether it could be secured, was for the Committee to learn, as it was whether the exhibition could be made a success. During the past year he had been approached a number of times and talked to about a large Exposition, similar to the one held in St. Louis. Within six months he had had a conference with Mr. Walker, President of the Union Stock Yards Company, who informed him that they had leased Dexter Park to Tucker & Sherman. The grounds were admirably suited for an exhibition of stock. It was stated, during the conference, that it would not be a good policy to erect such a building as was contemplated on ground that could not be retained for a term of years. A proposition to purchase eighty acres on Forty-seventh street was made, but it could not be bought. The price—$250,000—would have necessitated the paying of $20,000 interest—a very large sum. Mr. Walker had said that Dexter Park could be obtained upon a condition-al lease; that they would not sell, expecting to be driven away from their present location within a few years by the advancing population. Although he (Mr. Gage) had in past years been opposed to erecting a fair-building on leased ground, he thought it would be for the best interests of the Exposition to lease Dexter Park. He felt confident that all the money required could be secured. Manufacturers should be accorded the privilege of selling their goods on exhibition. The structure should be large enough to allow every manufacturer in the West and every merchant in Chicago to display his wares, and to sell them by sample. The building should be open for all who wished to use it for special exhibitions, pic-nics, and other entertainments. He desired the State Agricultural Society to come to Chicago. A stock company should be formed; the merchants and hotel proprietors would subscribe liberally. The facilities for reaching Dexter Park were excellent. The people of Chicago responded liberally to appeals for funds to pay the expenses of fairs, but they neglected to attend the exhibitions. They should be induced to go; one day during its progress should be deemed a holiday, as in St. Louis, and every one visit the Exposition.

MR. CRANE

inquired if the woolen manufacturers desired to make any proposition. Would they come here, if the people of Chicago provided a place for them, and, if so, upon what conditions? And would it make any difference whether they went to Dexter Park or remained in the heart of the city?

MR. BROWN REPLIED

that he had on his books the names of at least 1,000 manufacturers engaged in business in the West and South. Their capital was about $25,000,000, and they made goods which were equal to any manufactured in the world. The interest was a progressive one. The men engaged in it were intelligent, and if they had an opportunity they would give an exposition of fabrics that would be appreciated.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION.

The manufacturers then withdrew, and the Committee held a meeting and informally discussed the project, giving their views as to location, and the interests which ought to be included. There was not a quorum present, and no action was taken. They adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

THE ASSOCIATION

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Gov. Geary died, it is said, from the effects of hair-dye, the sugar of lead, which is the principal ingredient in such nostrums, having poisoned the scalp and affected the brain.

The Rev. Dr. E. O. Haven, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education for the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, is stirring up the brethren of Minneapolis and St. Paul in behalf of Hamline University, to be re-located on a gift of eighty acres midway between the two cities, conditional on $50,000 being subscribed.

The death is announced of Mrs. Frances Greenleaf Sparrow, wife of the Rev. Dr. William Sparrow, Professor and Dean of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia. Mrs. Sparrow was a niece of Dr. Noah Webster, sister-in-law of the late Bishop Philander Chase, and aunt of Bishop Kip, of California, and of the wife of Bishop Burgess.

Charles Bradlaugh, the noted British Republican, is coming to this country to lecture next season. He is a large, powerful man, of about 45, a cross between Henry Ward Beecher and Robert Collyer, with a ringing voice and a master of oratory unknown to any other speaker now living in Great Britain. He is adored by his followers, and intensely hated by society and the Government.

H. H. Bigelow, of Worcester, Mass., is going to put in operation at the Vienna Exhibition a model Yankee shoe-factory, doing all the steps of the work by machinery, and turning out a finished shoe in seven minutes. Which will most surprise Europeans will doubtless be to learn that these seven-minute shoes made products require protective legislation to compete in American markets with the more laborious wares of foreign handicraftsmen.

W. J. Hennessy, the well-known Anglesea artist, is receiving warm recognition from London critics. He has made rapid progress within the last two years and sold his Royal Academy picture before it was exhibited. Furthermore, the painting (an American autumn scene with figures) gave so much satisfaction as to secure the sale of this year's exhibition picture, which, of course, is that much else attracting to the artist's brain.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

—A "Cabinet lady" returned in person 2,800 calls last season.

—Three men were publicly whipped, according to law, in Cadiz, Ky., the other day, for petit larceny.

—The Lower House of the Nebraska Legislature has declined to concur with the Senate in a bill legalizing miscegenation.

—The Government of Prince Edward's Island has sent a deputation to Ottawa to arrange terms for the admission of that colony into the Dominion.

—There is a woman at Duluth who weighs 360 pounds. At a little distance it is difficult to tell which is the larger of the two, the town or the woman.

—On the Kansas Pacific Railroad in 1872 Miles run by passenger engines, 758,939; freights, 1,086,147; miscellaneous, 630,184; making the total mileage, 2,475,270.

—There is such a perpetual heat along Jay Cooke's intellectual line of railway that the "bleared British" are about building a road still farther north, where, of course, the temperature is almost equatorial.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

—"Joe, you have done it for me," observed Tom Hammond, of Virginia City, as Mr. Gale's pistol went off. "Tom, I am sorry for it," rejoined Mr. Gale, "but you know I had to do it." Mrs. Gale is answering the conundrum.

—Northern Pacific Railroad land sales in December realized $7,324; January, $9,601, and thus far this month, $10,820. Ordinarily, the cash receipts are about 10 per cent of the actual sales, but during the past month they exceed that rate slightly.

—*The Figaro* publishes a curious paragraph, to the effect that at a meeting in London M. Felix Pyat, alias the "unclean iconoclast," proposed that the sale of Napoleon III. should be consummated by an Italian, but that Carl Marx protested vehemently against the suggestion.

—An extraordinary hen in Lewiston, Me., sickled with admirable regularity, but then she laid ne'er an egg. An exasperating irregularity like this demanded scientific attention. The hen was sacrificed, and the post mortem developed the presence of twenty-two good eggs inside this incomprehensible fowl.

—The Boston *Journal* is confident that the idea that household work is thought degrading in the United States, in any general sense, or to any exceptional degree, as compared with other countries, is utterly absurd, and that, as a whole, the women of America stand at the very head of the household workers of the world.

—A Paris journal narrates an anecdote of the editor of a Communist paper having been kicked out of the train from London to Chiselhurst, on the morning of the Emperor's funeral, by a party of Frenchmen, who lost their patience at his continued invectives against the deceased. This was done in a quiet way, while the train had nearly come to a stop near a half-way station. [!]

—An extraordinary curiosity is on exhibition in St. Louis, viz.: a feathered mouse. It is dead, however. It was taken from a feather-bed which was made twelve years ago and has not been opened since. There was no hole in the ticking. "The beautiful white feathers," says the St. Louis *Globe*, "had appeared to have grown from the body of the dead mouse, are just as fresh and lovely as if they had been plucked from the living goose."

—Mayor Stratton told a joke on Lawyer Thompson, at Lebanon, Tenn. Lawyer Thompson did not like it, and told Mayor Stratton as much, and perhaps more. Other remarks of an uncharitable character were made by the parties surrounding the scene, and then, drawing their pistols, they emptied four barrels apiece at each other, one of the balls gouging an ugly hole in Mayor Stratton's face, just under the eye.

—Now that Amadeus is safely out of Spain, he must feel pretty much as the preacher did who "took up a collection" one Sunday, and found, "when the box was returned to him, that it wasn't a cent in it. "I thank my God," said he, turning the bat upside down and tapping the crown of it with his hand, "that I have got my hat back from this congregation."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

—The institution of tar and feathers has made its advent in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Hall, of Branford, were popularly accused of ill-treating Miss Clara Spinks, an invalid,—it being reported that she had been taken from comfortable quarters and left to die in an out-house. An investigation served to sustain these charges, and on Saturday evening a crowd of masked men visited Hall's house, called him out, stripped, tarred and feathered him, and compelled his wife to witness the performance in their home. And will engage in the practice of law. Mr. Whitehead was, for many years, Judge of the Twenty-first Indiana District, and made himself very popular while he held that responsible position. His friends can find him at Room 27, Major Block.

The following were registered at the Briggs House yesterday: Sam De Bow, Montana; John Sylvester, Cincinnati; J. W. Hugus, Omaha; William Brewer, New York; C. C. Tappan, Erie; C. C. Woolworth, Brooklyn; C. Mendel, Cincinnati; A. H. Lurty, Minneapolis; F. E. Hall, Boston; E. V. Long, Waukesha, Ind.; Philip Morey, Pittsburgh; E. W. Griggs and party of six, Boston; E. S. Hill, Cedar Rapids; J. W. Pottle, New York.

Mr. D. J. McKeller, the financial manager of the *American Builder*, was last evening entertained by his friends of the Caledonian Club at a pleasant social supper, at No. 87 Halsted street. As a parting memento to the gentleman, who is about to leave Chicago, the members of the Club presented him with a heavy gold chain and locket, appropriately inscribed. Speeches were made by Mr. David Johnson, Chief of the Club; Mr. Robert Clark, and Gen. McArthur, who was an old schoolfellow of McKeller's. The recipient made a suitable response, and the gentlemen passed a happy social evening over the event.

Pomeroy's new title—the Duke of York.

Charles Reade is now called "the literary Capt. Kidd."

The Pope has received a horse from friends in New Orleans.

J. A. Bromberg's taxes, at Dubuque

WASHINGTON.

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Bingham, of Ohio, members of the House of Representatives, inasmuch as they became interested in the Credit Mobilier of America, a contracting company for the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, and continued to be so interested at a time when said corporation was dependent on the legislation of Congress for its maintenance and support."

Mr. RANDALL made a point that a resolution of censure should be confined to one individual.

The SPEAKER sustained the point of order, and stated reasons for the ruling.

Mr. SPEER then offered the following:

"WHEREAS, It is shown by the report of the Select Committee of the House to investigate the charges of alleged bribery of members by Oakes Ames and others, that William D. Kelley, a member of Congress from the State of Pennsylvania, did receive, while a member of the House, from Oakes Ames, the sum of $329 on the 3d day of June, 1868, and the further sum of $750 in September, 1868, as dividends on stock of the Credit Mobilier of America, without having paid anything therefor; and

"WHEREAS, The said dividends arose from a dishonest contract and arrangement between said Credit Mobilier and the Union Pacific Railroad Company, which Company was, and is, largely indebted to the United States, resulting in a gross fraud and wrong on the Government; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That for the receipt and use as aforesaid of said Credit Mobilier dividends, William D. Kelley deserves, and hereby receives, the unqualified censure of the House."

Mr. DICKEY objected to the consideration of the resolution, and characterized the preamble as a stump speech.

The SPEAKER put the question whether the House would now consider the resolution, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 118; nays, 26.

Substitutes were suggested by Messrs. SARGENT, STEVENSON, and HAWLEY, but Mr. SPEER declined to allow any of them to be offered. He proposed to yield half of his hour to the gentleman affected by the resolution.

Mr. KELLEY said he asked the House only to be true to its own honor and the rights of each member. He had had no witness before the Select Committee. It had not been intimated to him that he might be heard in his own behalf, other than a brief examination by counsel, or by himself. He asked, therefore, that his colleague (Speer), who, in the last few minutes of the morning debate, had connected his name with this matter without his (Kelley) having an opportunity to reply, be permitted to make his speech and present his arraignment, so that, having heard whereof he was accused, and the grounds on which the accusation rested, he might have the poor privilege of saying why sentence should not be passed upon him, as he had not had the right of being heard before the Committee by witnesses and counsel.

The SPEAKER then yielded 15 minutes to Mr. BUTLER, who asked if the House was going into this method of purgation and purification, where were they to stop? By adopting this course, the House would be taking away the great Palladium of civil liberty, the right of trial by jury. He called upon the House to pause. He proposed to have this resolution referred to a committee, not to the same Special Committee, for he had not much respect for it. *Audi alteram partem* was the motto of every deliberative assembly and of every Judge.

Mr. STEVENSON spoke for fair play and even-handed justice, and said that he was not willing to condemn Kelley on the testimony of Ames, whom the House had just condemned.

Mr. SPEER said he rose to perform a duty higher than personal friendship, regretting that it involved the honor of his native State. His colleague (Kelley) had told the House he had not been heard. He had been heard in his own time, and could have summoned any witness he desired to have examined. Mr. Speer then reviewed the testimony in the case of Kelley, and argued that Kelley must have known that the compensation was enormous and the enormous dividends came was a corrupt affair. Not only had Kelley prevaricated and concealed the truth, but he had attempted to get Oakes Ames to conceal it under oath. He (Speer) was satisfied of the truth of the evidence, and felt that it was his duty to present the resolution.

Mr. McCRARY, member of the Special Committee, said the proposition that Kelly and those other gentlemen stood on the same position and deserved the same punishment as had been inflicted on Ames and Brooks was not warranted by the testimony in the case, and differed from his idea of justice and fairness. Mr. Kelley and others had not been informed of the facts which made the transactions of Ames and Brooks corruptible. He thought the resolution should be tabled.

Recess till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Mr. BUTLER, a Conference Committee was ordered on the Geneva Award bill.

On motion of Mr. GARFIELD, the Senate bill appropriating $10 to pay the expenses of the Senate Committee for investigating the Kansas Senatorial election was passed.

Mr. DAWES, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back with amendment Section 107 of the act of the 6th of June, 1872, in relation to fractional parts of barrels, on which taxes are to be paid. Passed.

KELLEY.

The House then took up the resolution censuring Kelley, offered by his colleague, Speer.

Mr. KELLEY rose and addressed the House. He had been a member of the House, he said, twelve years. He had been connected with the Committee on Naval affairs during the war, when contracts by the millions were made, and who had ever heard that one dollar of his country's money not received for salary had stuck to his fingers? He had been charged with speculating in Credit Mobilier. He denounced that charge as false. He did not propose to argue his case now, but he could show before a committee, if the matter should be referred to testimony, that during the time he was supposed to be receiving enormous dividends of the Credit Mobilier, he had been and was still paying 11 per cent for a few thousands he had borrowed to have a little real estate he owned in Philadelphia. He would detain the House no longer. He desired nothing but justice. With three years of broken health he approached the period of three-score years, feeling that the strength which might last the other ten years was not given him. It was not, therefore, for himself that he besought, but he asked the House to maintain the law, and give to a member of the American Congress those privileges that are secured to the vagrant charged with petty larceny, or the assassin.

Mr. BUTLER spoke with some bitterness of his colleague (Speer), as a little quarter session lawyer from the mountains, and of the House itself as an establishment for which he had no great admiration.

Mr. HOUGHTON characterized the scene and the occasion as strange and remarkable, and warned the other side of the House that the course they were pursuing was unsafe; that chickens of that kind generally came home to roost, and that in the next Congress they would be in a fearful minority, and might be victims to the majority, which could turn them out by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. BLAIR (Conn.) said he had a resolution to offer, partly in the interest of public business, but chiefly in the interest of justice. It was that—

"WHEREAS, The Select Committee had made known to the House that it was restricted in the scope of its inquiry by the terms of the resolution under which it acted; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the testimony taken be recommitted, with instructions to report whether any further action is necessary to enable the judgment of the House on the connection of members of Congress with the Credit Mobilier, or with any corporation dependent on national legislation."

Mr. WOOD made a point of order that the resolution was not an amendment to the pending one.

The SPEAKER sustained the objection.

Mr. DAWES rose and said, speaking in a tone of great solemnity and exhibiting intense excitement: It is strange that the gentleman from Connecticut (Hawley) should want to adjourn the House with an investigation over the heads of members. He has pressed upon the Committee a duty on the Committee of the House which he knows cannot be performed in the waning days of this session, and yet he is willing to let members rest under such charges as an unfinished investigation may bring. Now, Mr. Speaker, if any body has any charge to bring against me, let him bring it here and now, and, without any further investigation, I will submit it to the judgment of the House. I pray my friend from Connecticut (Hawley), not to adjourn this House with an unfinished investigation hanging over my head. If my friend from Connecticut has anything to lay at my door, let him bring it here now, and I will take the judgment of the House upon it. Sir, the Committee of Investigation has acquitted me, and I here submit its special verdict to this House without comment. If anybody has anything to add to that verdict, let him go to it here and show. I have sat here three long days in this discussion without opening my mouth, conscious of the purity of my soul, of every official act since I came into this House. I am ready to meet here and now any charge which any member will lay at my door, but it is due to me, and due to my associates, that the House shall not adjourn with an unfinished investigation hanging over our heads."

There was great confusion and excitement in the House while Mr. Dawes was speaking, and which did not subside for several minutes.

At last the motion to lay on the table the resolution censuring Kelley was made by Maynard, and it was agreed to—yeas, 131; nays, 78.

Mr. STEVENSON offered, as a privileged question, a resolution declaring that, in the judgment of the House, it is against public policy for members of Congress to invest and speculate in stocks, bonds, and securities, the value of which results from legislation by Congress, or railroads, the value of which depends upon Congressional grants and subsidies in government bonds or public lands.

Mr. NEGLEY and others made a point that the resolution involved no question of privilege, and the SPEAKER so ruled.

Mr. STEVENSON then offered this resolution as a question of privilege:

Resolved, That this House hereby condemn the conduct of Samuel Hooper, a Representative, of this House, from the State of Massachusetts, in investing in the stock of the Credit Mobilier of America, and retaining an interest therein, and receiving enormous dividends thereon, knowing the business in which said Credit Mobilier was engaged, and the sources of its enormous profits.

The reading of the resolution elicited general laughter, and it seemed to be treated as a good joke.

Mr. SARGENT raised a question of consideration.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the negative—yeas 75; nays, 108, so the House refused to consider the resolution.

Mr. SARGENT then offered a resolution discharging the Select Committee on Credit Mobilier Matter from further consideration of the subject, which was agreed to by a vote of 114 yeas, to 75 nays.

The SPEAKER then stated that that action removed the matter entirely from the consideration of the House.

The House then, at 10:30, went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Dawes in the Chair, and resumed consideration of the Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation bill. Without making much progress on the bill, the Committee rose, and the House, at 11 o'clock, adjourned.

Railroad News.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 27.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Springfield & Illinois Southeastern Railroad Company, held in this city to-day, the following persons were elected Directors: M. H. Bloodgood, of New York; M. B. Hurlburt, T. P. Handy, Oscar Townsend, L. M. Hubby, Cleveland, O.; Thos. S. Ridgeway, Charles Carroll, Shawneetown; E. C. Dawes, of Cincinnati, O.; C. A. Beecher, Fairfield, Ill.; Alex. Starne, F. W. Tracy, George N. Black, George W. Norris, Springfield, Ill. The new Board of Directors subsequently met at the office of the Company and organized by the re-election of the old officers, as follows: Thos. D. Ridgeway, President; C. A. Beecher, Vice-President; M. H. Bloodgood, Treasurer; George N. Black, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—The Kansas City & Council Bluffs Railroad has been mortgaged for $8,000,000, to provide a fund for better equipment of the road, to provide additional grounds, pay its floating liabilities, and provide for contingencies.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LASALLE, Feb. 27.—The committee appointed for the purpose, this evening report collections to the amount of $500 as the quota of this city to help to defray the cost of a preliminary survey of the route of the proposed Lafayette, LaSalle & Clinton Railway, and express the assurance that the donors will cheerfully increase the amount to the extent of any necessity in the premises.

LOUISIANA.

Present Condition of Affairs in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—It is understood that the Kellogg Government to-day proposed to the Fusionists a plan of adjustment which would make Kellogg Governor, R. Penn Lieutenant-Governor, and allow the Fusionists eighteen Senators and fifty-two members of the House, which would give the Republicans a majority of three on joint ballot. The proposition was entertained in caucus, but no conclusion arrived at.

Gov. McEnery states that the dispatches read in the United States Senate yesterday, by Senator Morton, which purport to have been sent by Gov. Warmoth to him (McEnery), are purely and absolutely fictitious. No such dispatches, nor any resembling them, have been received by Gov. McEnery.

The militia organization is progressing rapidly. About 600 were enrolled to-day.

Notwithstanding the threatened belligerency, as implied in the action of the Fusionist Governor yesterday, the city to-day presents a perfectly peaceful aspect, and the feeling is that there will be no conflict. There are perhaps 300 regular troops in the city, and enough more outside to make a regiment, but the citizens do not desire to come in conflict with the General Government. The action of the Fusionists is regarded as an influence towards forcing decided action on Congress for the settlement of the vexed complication at once. If Congress should adjourn without such action, it is believed Kellogg will remain in peaceful possession of the State Government, but without means to carry on the Government, as the Treasury is bare and many property-holders threaten not to pay a dollar of taxes, which will probably be generally adopted.

Various propositions for compromising the differences have been brought forward by men of both sides, which we mentioned above. In this Gen. George Beuham represents the members of the Mechanics' Institute Legislature, a body whose election there is no question. The best men claim there are bad men in both bodies, who should be weeded out, and a representative assembly formed at once. It is claimed by the Republicans that there is very little objection to Kellogg personally among the best citizens, and that he would be readily recognized as Governor by the Fusionists if the Republican Lieutenant-Governor and the corrupt members of the Legislature could be got rid of. It is also said that the fusionists have sought a compromise by proposing to send Kellogg to the United States Senate, but this he has declined, and in view of the excitement created by a report of the discussion in Congress, to-day, on Louisiana matters, the Associated Press office sent a special reporter to interview Gov. Kellogg this evening. That gentleman was found at the St. Louis Hotel, in company with various members of the Republican Government. His attention having been called to the statement of Senator Carpenter that the Supreme Court of Louisiana passed upon the question brought before it without having the record before it, Gov. Kellogg said the case was first brought before the Supreme Court in this manner: An injunction was sued out before Judge Dibble, of the Eighth District Court, to restrain Warmoth's election. Returning Board from acting. The injunction was granted and made perpetual the next morning; and, two days before all the votes had been canvassed, Warmoth commissioned Elmore, who had been a candidate for Judge to fill Dibble's place. Elmore held court and set aside the decree making the injunction perpetual. The Legislature legislated Elmore out by consolidating the Seventh and Eighth District Courts, and that case with others went before the Supreme Court on an appeal taken from the Superior Court.

The state of affairs which was referred to in the special message of President Grant came about in this way: Warmoth, before he was impeached, had appointed Kennard Judge of the Supreme Court, in place of Howe, resigned. This was done before the extra session of the Legislature. When the Legislature met, it impeached Warmoth, and the Senate rejected the nomination of Kennard. Meantime, Morgan was appointed by Gov. Pinchback and confirmed by the Senate, at the Mechanics' Institute, and Kennard was confirmed by the Fusionists. Morgan commenced action under the Intrusion act for possession of the office. The record which he presented before the Court showed a copy of the journal of the Legislature at its organization, of the personnel of the Senate, and of the vote upon Morgan's confirmation, Kennard voted on his side by presenting the Warmoth commission, and his points were, first, that Warmoth's commission extended over the whole session of the Legislature; second, that he had been renominated by Gov. McEnery, and that the appointment was valid. The Supreme Court held, first, that the commission issued by Warmoth extended only to the end of the next session; second, that Pinchback was the legal Governor, and that the commission issued by him to Morgan was legal; and, finally, that the Legislature created by the next Returning Board was the legal Legislature. The correct record was before the Court, and the legality of the Kellogg Government was fairly recognized. It has also been incidentally recognized since before other courts of the State—indeed, before all except the Eliimore Court. Furthermore, the Supreme Court refused to recognize the commissions issued by Warmoth to the Sheriffs, and these officers were recognized only when presenting commissions issued by Pinchback or Kellogg. The same with the city officers. Gov. Kellogg seems to be cheerful, and says in case of trouble he shall rely on the police force at his command. It is understood that Gen. Longstreet, who is in command of the State militia, says he does not need, and does not want, assistance.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Gov. Hendricks has signed the Temperance bill, and it has now become a law.

Beecher lectured at Peoria last evening to a large audience. Visitors were present from neighboring towns.

At Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Clerk of the District Court, Wm. Eberhart, is reported to be a defaulter in the sum of $3,000.

John Carney and Patrick Quinn were burned by sulpher in Daniel Webster's colliery at Shamokin, Pa. Carney died, and Quinn will probably recover.

The Mechanical and Traders' Exchange, of Chicago, capital stock, $100,000, and the Pelliter Stone Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, capital stock, $200,000, filed certificates, and received licenses from the Secretary of State yesterday.

Theodore Wentz, an employe in the file and threading factory of F. S. Shurick, of Fort Wayne, was badly and probably fatally injured yesterday, by accidentally falling on a rapidly-revolving circular saw.

W. E. McKee, arrested for embezzling over $500 from the United States Express Company, while acting as messenger between Columbus and Chicago, yesterday pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

The libel case of County Auditor Kile, against J. F. Linton, of the Columbus (O.) *Statesman*, was up in the Common Pleas Court yesterday. Linton pleaded not guilty, and at his request the case was postponed until some further day.

Early yesterday morning Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana, in coming out of his residence, slipped and fell, striking his head upon the stone step with such force as to inflict injuries which will incapacitate him from business for a few days. He was resting quietly last night, and his physicians anticipate no serious results.

In March, 1868, the American Express Company's messenger was robbed near Cincinnati of $20,000 by Lew Dalman. Subsequently Dalman went to St. Louis, and, while attempting to rob a house in the suburbs, was shot and killed by a detective. Dalman left considerable property, and the express company brought suit against the Public Administrator to recover. The suit was decided on Monday, by Judge Krum, giving judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $24,000.

Ocean Steamship News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Arrived—The steamers Algeria and Idaho, from Liverpool.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The steamer City of New York has arrived out.

CREDIT MOBILIER.

Report of the Senate Committee on the Cases of Patterson, Harlan, and Others.

The Expulsion of Patterson Unanimously Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.

REPORT OF THE SENATE CREDIT MOBILIER COMMITTEE.

The following is the report of the Senate Credit Mobilier Committee, submitted by the Chairman, Senator Morrill, of Maine, at half-past 10 to-night:

They report that they have regarded the duty devolved upon them, by order of the Senate, limited in its range to such matters affecting members of the Senate as are contained in the communications from the House of Representatives, and have accordingly confined their inquiries to the elucidation of the testimony accompanying the communications. Having examined the testimony taken before the House of Representatives, and heard the statements of Senators in relation thereto, and taken such testimony as was acceptable tending to shed light upon the subject matter, and having attentively considered the same, the Committee in the first instance present the facts as ascertained, touching each member of the Senate. In the list of members of the Senate supposed to be affected by the evidence taken by the Committee of the House of Representatives is the name of John A. Logan. In December, 1867, Logan made an arrangement with Ames to purchase ten shares of stock commonly known as shares of the Credit Mobilier of America, upon recommendation of Ames that the stock was valuable, and payment could be made in consideration of agreement at any time, and the stock was never delivered. In June following, Ames showed Logan an account in which he credited him with two dividends, arising on the stock subsequent to its purchase, from which he deducted $1,000, the price of the stock, and gave Logan a check on the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the balance, $329, which check was paid on the 10th of July following. Having become doubtful whether it was a good stock, whether there would not be difficulty about it, Logan repaid Ames the amount of money received on the check and interest thereon, stating to him that he had constituted not to take the stock, which Ames consented, and here the transaction ended, Logan having no further interest in it. Logan and Ames were members of the House of Representatives at the date of the transaction.

The testimony does not affect Logan in any sense which would call for action of the Senate, if it possess jurisdiction over acts happening before his election to the Senate, a question on which, under the finding of the Committee, it is unnecessary to express an opinion.

In the record from the House of Representatives is the name of Roscoe Conkling, member of the Senate. Conkling does not appear to have been connected in any way with stock of the Credit Mobilier, or of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and, consequently, is in no way affected.

On or about Dec. 5, 1867, Senator Wilson, on behalf of his wife, at the instance of Ames, and upon the advice of friends, contracted for twenty shares of Credit Mobilier stock, paying therefor in cash $2,000 which was loaned to him by Ames, giving a note for the same, and a guarantee of 7 per cent interest thereon. Wilson became dissatisfied with the transaction, from what he had learned of the differences in the management of the Credit Mobilier and Union Pacific Companies, and concluded to regard the transaction as incomplete. He so stated to Ames, who consented to so regard it, and an adjustment was therefore made, by which the contract with the husband, and Mr. Wilson had no right of interest thereon, except such as grew out of those facts. Whether the action is or is not in law to be regarded as that of his own or that of his wife, is immaterial. It is certain that the money invested was contributed by friends to his wife, that he treated it as belonging to her, considering the investment for her benefit from it, and the moneys finally repaid to and disposed of by her. Mr. Wilson does not appear to have been well informed as to the character of the Credit Mobilier, nor does it appear that he was aware or had reason to suppose that Ames had any object in recommending the investment, other than that of friendship. The Committee do not believe Senator Wilson is affected by the transaction with Ames, but deem it their duty to feel constrained to advert in this connection to the fact that, on the 15th of September last, Wilson authorized to be sent to the public press of New York a dispatch, which in effect is regarded as an unqualified and direct denial that he had ever obtained from Oakes Ames, or any other person, the slightest interest in the Credit Mobilier, and to remark that the dispatch was calculated to convey to the public an erroneous impression.

The evidence relating to Senator Harlan shows a transaction in 1865, while he was Secretary of the Interior Department. The transaction was not in its nature contemptuous, and it does not appear to have influenced his actions as Senator since his election, or that it was so intended, and however strongly the Committee would deprecate the use of money for the purpose for which, in this case, it was contributed and used, and, with whatever judgment, they would resist any and all attempts, by the free use of money, to control popular expression, they do not, however, refrain to remark upon the fact that Durant, Vice President of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, a corporate creation of Congress, which would probably be again subject to legislation, contributed $10,000 with the avowed purpose of its being used in securing the election of Harlan to the Senate of the United States, he being, at the time of its receipt, Secretary of the Interior. This discloses an evil upon which the Committee cannot too severely animadvert. The use of large sums of money to influence either popular or legislative elections strikes directly at the fundamental principle of a republican government. It undermines public and private virtue, upon which alone republican institutions can stand. It cannot be concealed that it is one of the threatening dangers to the permanence of our Government. And while this case and use of money is not to censure, the evidence adduced to prove that Senator Harlan was influenced by the gift thus made to him failed to establish any such results.

In relation to Senator Patterson, the Committee say there is little doubt that Patterson was the purchaser of thirty shares of Credit Mobilier stock in 1867, and that he received dividends arising thereon to the extent, and it only remains to be considered how he would be affected as Senator by the facts had he such knowledge of the relations of the Credit Mobilier to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and of the interests of Ames in connection with this Company, and in the disposition of the stock, as should have caused him to hesitate to enter into this transaction, or to retire from it when once entered upon. Assuming, at the date of purchase, in August, 1867, that he was not well advised of the nature of the investment he was making, did not the rumors which came to others who had embarked in the same enterprise of the differences and difficulties that had arisen between the companies, and which, at a late date, led to public debate in both Houses of Congress, come to him, before receiving the stock and receiving dividends? Is it, then, unreasonable to presume that he had acquainted himself with the character of the corporation in which he was stockholder? How was he to account for the concerted efforts of both parties to conceal from the public the transactions when questioned, except from a consciousness that it was something more and other than an ordinary business affair between private individuals? The Committee further find that at a date subsequent to that of the purchase of the stock in the Credit Mobilier, and at a period when the character of this Credit Mobilier and relations existing between it and the Union Pacific Railroad Company had become a matter of public notoriety, and must become familiar to Patterson, and while he was in receipt of dividends from his purchase of Credit Mobilier stock he was still dealing with Ames in stock and bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and disposing of the same in the stock markets in New York through his bankers there. The Committee find, on the statement of Patterson before the Committee of the House of Representatives, as before this committee, a contradictory relation of transactions between himself and Ames, in suppression of material facts, and denials of other facts which must have been known to him when first called before that Committee. They cannot escape the conclusion that Patterson, being a Senator of the United States, in 1867, contracted with Oakes Ames, then and still a member of the House of Representatives, for the purchase of thirty shares in the stock of the Credit Mobilier of America at rates greatly below its esteemed value, and subsequently came into possession of the same; that he received dividends which from time to time were declared thereon; that he subsequently, in the year 1867, dealt with Ames to a large amount in stock and bonds of the Union Pacific for the purpose of profit, and disposed of some stock in the markets of New York with the knowledge of the character of the Credit Mobilier and its relations to and its connections with the Union Pacific Railroad Company; and further, that he had the knowledge of the interests of Ames and his connection with said Company; also, that the object of Ames in this dealing with him was to secure his friendly recognition of the interests of the said Companies, and his own interests therein, and to influence his action as Senator in the matter of legislation affecting the same; and, further, being inquired of in relation thereto before the committee of both branches of Congress, he gave false answering of the actions between himself and Ames; suppressed material facts, and denied the existence of other material facts, which must have been known to him.

The Committee have reached the conclusion, after the most attentive consideration and anxious deliberations, which they would fain wish were otherwise, but which is a matter of duty compels them to declare.

They submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That James W. Patterson be and he is hereby expelled from his seat as a member in the Senate.

The report is unanimous.

The Committee consists of Morrill (Me.), Chairman, Scott, and Wright, Republicans, and Stockton and Stevenson, Democrats.

Political.

MIDDLETOWN, Ct., Feb. 27.—Stephen W. Kellogg, Republican, was nominated for Congress to-day, in the Second District.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 27.—The State Prohibition Convention met in Jackson to-day. Dr. Parkhill, of Owosso, was elected President, and App Smith, of Jackson, Secretary. Resolutions were passed declaring the present party organizations effete and corrupt, and reaffirming the doctrines of the National Prohibitory Convention. Ronald Kelly, of Detroit, and Oscar D. Spalding, of Hastings, were nominated for Regents of the University. No nomination was made for Supreme Judge, and the subject was referred to the State Central Committee.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Apollo Hall Democratic General Committee last evening held an excited and uproarious meeting, over an attempt to select a Chairman. Friends of the candidates at one time came very near having a personal conflict. The meeting adjourned without any choice being made.

NEW YORK.

The Theophiles in Council—The Paran Stevens Estate—A Cargo for the Vienna Exposition—Wall Street Gossip—Miscellaneous Local News.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Tenth Annual Convention of the Advocates of the Religious Amendment of the Constitution, namely, the investing of a clause relating to the recognition of God, has been in session for two days to a small and decent attendance. The resolution passed yesterday that no speeches adverse to the amendment would be listened to by the Convention, but must be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, had the effect of reducing the number of spectators to a mere handful. The speeches made thus far generally favor making the Constitution of the United States, and of the several States, acknowledge Christianity, to the exclusion of what speakers term infidelity, atheism, Judaism, and paganism. One argument used was to the effect that when God is recognized in the Constitution, Congressmen who accept bribes will be cast out in disgrace. The Rev. Dr. Tyng said he looked forward to the day when the dear and gracious Saviour should reign in all the glory of a re-deemed and consecrated earth. The annual report admits that not much advance has been made during the past year in forming auxiliary societies. Mrs. Swisshelm spoke to-day in favor of the amendment, and also of the importance of woman's influence in politics and on governmental officers. The following petition was ordered to be circulated for signatures during the coming year:

The undersigned citizens of the United States petition for such amendment to the Constitution as shall duly express our National acknowledgement of Almighty God as the Source of all authority in civil government, of the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, and of the Bible as the supreme standard of legislation, and thus in dicate that this is a Christian nation, and place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of the Government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land.

The United States ship Supply is rapidly completing her cargo for the Vienna Exposition, and will sail on Monday for her destination in the Mediterranean. She has freight-room for 1,000 tons, and will be laden to her full capacity. The amount of goods sent in by exhibitors is much greater than was at one time anticipated, especially in the department of machinery. The ship Guard, with a similar cargo, will depart from New York March 15.

The rumors of Mr. A. B. Stockwell's failure have not been verified, and his contracts to-day were duly provided for. It is reported that his brokers supplied him with about $400,000 to-day, and that his backers will see him through all emergencies. The fact remains that there has been a heavy decline in the shares of the two companies of which he is President since Monday. Panama has declined 6 per cent, and Pacific Mail 11 per cent. The losses must be very heavy. A general belief prevails that Jay Gould directs the "bear" movement, and that he is the chief agent in keeping money artificially stringent.

To the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—At the National Convention to-day, in favor of a religious amendment to the Constitution, the report of the Executive Committee was read, recommending application to Congress in behalf of such an amendment to the Constitution, as will recognize God Almighty as the source of all authority in civil government. A resolution was adopted calling upon the women of the United States to aid in the work of the Convention.

An action has been brought in the Supreme Court to obtain a decision as to whether certain real estate owned by the late Paran Stevens, including the Fifth Avenue Hotel, of this city, the Continental Hotel, of Philadelphia, and the Tremont and Revere Houses, of Boston, should be sold, or the hotels carried on under the direction of the executors. The Court directed reference to ascertain the value of the property, reserving his decision upon the questions of law.

It is uncertain when the trial of the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co. will occur, as the firm are to obtain an order for which, in this case, it was constituted to take testimony in Europe.

Twenty thousand dollars' worth of lace, silk, and worsted goods were seized to-day, on board the steamship Silesia,—the property of a passenger who was endeavoring to smuggle them ashore.

JOLIET.

The State Penitentiary Investigation.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JOLIET, Feb. 27.—The Legislative Investigation Committee of the House opened a session yesterday morning in the Common Council room, having been warned that they would be denied if they attempted to visit the prison. Major Edwards, the Warden, was the first witness called, who testified that a lot of property, consisting of wagons, parts of wagons, and old machinery, was sold to Rosenfield for cash and good paper. He believed it a good trade, or he would not have made it. The counsel for the prosecution attempted, on the cross-examination, to show that the trade was not shown on the books until after these charges were made. He failed entirely, and the proof seemed positive that the whole matter was as straight as a shingle.

Capt. Miller was the first witness called this morning. He had not been approached by any of the prison authorities, as to what his evidence should be. He has been master mechanic for the past five years at the Penitentiary; did not know Rosenfield prior to the trade; the wagons were made for the Southern trade, while at Chicago it is 18, and even at St. Louis only 19, and at Memphis, 29. At Cincinnati it is 23; at Detroit, 22; at Buffalo, 23; at Albany, 23; at Boston, 26; at Quebec, 16; at New York, 29; at Washington, 30; at Charleston, S. C., 52; at Jacksonville, Fla., 69; at Key West, 74; at New Orleans, 75. Generally could get 19 cents, except in the South-west. Snowing in Minnesota, in the upper lake regions, in Canada, Northern New York, New York City, Philadelphia, Cape May, and Washington.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL SERVICE, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28, 1873.—Probabilities: For the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States, northwesterly winds and clear cold weather. From the Gulf States northward to the lakes, fresh and brisk westerly winds, with generally cloudy weather in the lake region. Cautionary signals continue at Wilmington, Norfolk, Cape May, New York, and New London.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 27.—The difficulties from the snow-storm yesterday and to-day to the railroads in northern and western Iowa and southern Minnesota cannot be exaggerated, as the storm was of unwonted severity. The wind blew a perfect gale, drifting the snow fearfully, and completely filling the cuts. Travel on the majority of the roads has been entirely stopped. Such is the case on the Minnesota and Iowa branches of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Road, where the difficulty and cost of opening will be immense. The Mason City branch to Algona has been closed all winter, and there is now no prospect of opening it for a month to come. Quite near Lime Springs are drifts of such a depth as were never before known, being in many places twenty to thirty feet in depth, especially in the vicinity of Lawler. The Central Railroad of Iowa suffered so fearfully from the blockade as to compel an abandonment of all trains, with no prospect of very speedy resumption. On the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad travel is also stopped; likewise on the St. Paul & Sioux City, and Cedar Falls & Minnesota branch of the Illinois Central, where the snow has drifted in the cuts to the depth of six and eight feet. Until the high winds now prevailing in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota cease, nothing can be done towards opening the different roads. Here snow fell to the depth of several inches, only partially interfering with railroad travel on the Iowa Division of the Illinois Central. Only passenger trains attempted to run. East, the storm was not so severe. The Chicago & Iowa Railroad suffered somewhat, but is clear to-night, and trains are running as usual.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 27.—The weather is clear and cold.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 27.—River rising slowly. The weather is cloudy and snowing. Thermometer, 32 degrees.

Obituary.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 27.—Robert Brackenridge, one of our oldest citizens, and a leading lawyer of the Fort Wayne bar, died at 6 o'clock this morning of dropsy. He has been acknowledged the peer among the leading lawyers of the State, and for a long time had been engaged as counsel of railroads centering here. The Court met this morning, and out of respect for the deceased, adjourned. At a bar meeting, immediately following, appropriate resolutions commemorating the memory of the deceased were adopted, and arrangements for the bar to attend the funeral on Sunday were completed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Late English papers announce the death of the Countess Cadogan.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Hon. Simon Brown, editor New England *Farmer*, died yesterday.

FOREIGN.

The Trials of the New Spanish Republic—Movements of the Carlists.

Castelar's Request for Recognition from the Powers of Europe.

An Anticipated Revolution in Peru.

SPAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The bill abolishing slavery in Porto Rico and other colonies of Spain has not yet been passed.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—In the north of Spain a defeated band of Carlists, commanded by Ollo, is marching to Navarre. The insurrectionist chief, Dorrgany, has issued orders directing the municipalities to send all the young men to join the Carlist forces. The insurgents are threatening Pampaluna in strong force. General Pairs is hurrying to the relief of the garrison of that city. The Government troops are fortifying Irun.

MADRID, Feb. 27.—Senor Castelar has addressed a memorandum to foreign powers, urging the immediate recognition of the Republic. He argues that the European powers having recognized the resoutions of 1868, cannot refuse similar action with regard to the Republic, which is the logical consequence of events of 1868 now that royalty has abdicated. The Spanish Republic will not be a brand of discord for Europe. The transformation the country has gone through is purely internal. Foreign nations should not demand of the Government energetic action while they withhold from it their moral support. The memorandum has been forwarded by telegraph to the principal capitals of Europe.

Marshal Serrano, Gen. Conca, and other Generals have promised to place their swords at the service of the Republic whenever the Government calls upon them.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—In the Assembly, to-day, the debate began on the report of the Committee of Thirty. "Urgency" was voted for the bill embodying the constitutional project submitted by the Committee. Dufaure announced that the Government unreservedly accepted the Committee's recommendations.

The Marquis de Castellar urged the Assembly to boldly proclaim a constitutional monarchy before it was too late. The present condition should not endure, he stated, in France, as foreign powers are fearing that she would become the focus for European struggles.

M. Hautifizans (Bonapartist) opposed the bill, and demanded that the nation should be consulted as to its choice for republic, monarchy, or empire. The debate will be continued to-morrow.

James L. Orr, Ambassador of the United States to Russia, has arrived in this city. Gen. White, the United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, is also here.

CANADA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—The Provincial Agricultural and Arts Association is in session here.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—It is rumored here that Sir Francis Hincks, ex-Governor of the Windward Isles, and now ex-Finance Minister of the Dominion, is to be Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The retirement of Howe from the Dominion Cabinet, and other changes, are shortly expected.

The Prince Edward's Island delegation have had an interview with the Government regarding the proposed incorporation of that island as part of the Dominion.

MONTREAL, Feb. 27.—Hon. Mr. Ouimet has been intrusted with the formation of a new Cabinet in Quebec Province.

A new line, composed of ten first-class propellers, has been formed here, to carry on the forwarding trade, during 1873, between Montreal and Chicago.

FREDERICTOWN, N. B., Feb. 27.—Gov. Wilmot opened the session of Parliament to-day with the customary speech.

HALIFAX, U. S., Feb. 27.—Parliament was opened to-day by the Lieutenant-Governor with the usual ceremonies.

PERU.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—Lima dispatches to the 14th of February state that Lols, Garrinds and Cabellas, exiled revolutionists, were shot dead at Huanuco while escaping, and the people, in consequence, were very much agitated. A few days ago an armed mob forced its way into the halls of Congress, accused the Government of complicity in the assassination of these men, and demanded a change in the Ministry. A change seems imminent, and a revolution is feared.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Messrs Marshall & Sons, cotton-spinners at Stockport, have suspended, with liabilities of £250,000. The suspension was caused by the bad condition of trade.

Count Bernstorff's condition has slightly improved.

THE WEATHER.

Immense Snow-Drifts in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota—Blockaded Railroads—War Department Prognostications.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The Signal Service has failed to receive its usual reports west of the Mississippi this morning. The temperature up north continues warmer than at Chicago. Thermometer at Pembina this morning, 16 degrees above zero; at Duluth, 24; at St. Paul, 17; at Marquette, 22; at Milwaukee and Chicago it is 18, and even at St. Louis only 19, and at Memphis, 29. At Cincinnati it is 23; at Detroit, 22; at Buffalo, 23; at Albany, 23; at Boston, 26; at Quebec, 16; at New York, 29; at Washington, 30;